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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Herricks Union Free School District

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Herricks Union Free School District, of Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of the Herricks Union Free School District; and

WHEREAS, The Herricks Union Free School District traces its roots back to August 9, 1813, when it was the 10th school district formally defined by the newly formed Commissioners of Schools in the Town of North Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, The rich history of the Herricks Union Free School District also tells the story of the development of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, The school district was named after Herricks Path, a thoroughfare that existed in the area since 1659; the land Herricks High School currently occupies was known as Watermelon Hill, which was originally a burial ground for a local farming family called the Pearalls; and

WHEREAS, The Herricks Union Free School District is also part of the history of the development of our great nation; it figured prominently in the issue of prayer in schools when a 1962 Supreme Court ruling

decreed that government-written prayers were not to be recited in public schools; and

WHEREAS, As part of marking this impressive milestone, the Herricks Union Free School District's history will be included in a new curriculum being developed for different grade levels over the current year; and

WHEREAS, As this venerable institution enters its next century, the Herricks Union Free School District stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; and

WHEREAS, Under the visionary leadership of Superintendent of Schools John Bierwirth, the Herricks Union Free School District is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Herricks Union Free School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Bierwirth, Superintendent, Herricks Union Free School District.