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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Harbor Child Care

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose has been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the children of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Harbor Child Care, to be celebrated on Friday, October 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The schools of a community reflect the character and values of that community; the school officials, parents, faculty and children of Harbor Child Care, on the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary, may take just pride in its heritage of quality leadership, teaching, and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Child Care is a premier childcare organization in Nassau County; for 40 years it has provided early care and learning to children 12 weeks old to 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Child Care began its luminous existence in 1973, when its founder, Jill Rooney, started a play group for nine children in her Sea Cliff, New York, home; within two months, there were 25 children playing in her renovated basement; and

WHEREAS, Today, Executive Director Jill Rooney oversees seven separate child care centers which collectively serve 800 children and employ 214 full time teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Child Care takes pride in providing the children in its charge with a stimulating curriculum based on the High Scope Cognitive Development Program, a 40-year research-based curriculum generally regarded as the leading early childhood educational approach; and

WHEREAS, In addition to world-class instruction, Harbor Child Care's comprehensive centers offer breakfast, lunch and snacks, a before and after school program, holiday care, and a wonderful summer program; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization does more than provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for children; it provides support and peace of mind to their hardworking parents; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Child Care is proudly aware of its distinguished past and eager to fulfill its commitment to its parents, students and community; with vision and purpose, this fine organization is planning 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 40th Anniversary of Harbor Child Care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jill Rooney, Executive Director, Harbor Child Care.