

## 2013-J2891

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dan Caracciolo upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the LYNBROOK/EAST ROCKAWAY HERALD on December 26, 2013

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dan Caracciolo has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dan Caracciolo upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the LYNBROOK/EAST ROCKAWAY HERALD on December 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dan Caracciolo's strong commitment to his community led him to mobilize his neighbors into action after Hurricane Sandy devastated much of the East Rockaway area of Nassau County in October 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dan Caracciolo grew up in East Rockaway; one of four sons of Larry and Barbara Caracciolo, he graduated from East Rockaway High School in 1998, and earned a degree in communications from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 2002; now a resident of the Bay Park area of East Rockaway, he is a business relationship manager at HSBC bank; and

WHEREAS, An enthusiastic and active volunteer, Dan Caracciolo's genuine love for and passion to help others was abundantly evident before the Hurricane Sandy crisis; he regularly attended school board, civic and community meetings; and

WHEREAS, His dedication propelled him to co-found the11518 Inc., a nonprofit that serves as a resource for residents looking for storm-related information on such issues as Federal Emergency Management Agency

policy, Small Business Administration loans, and hazard-mitigation measures, and proactively seeks to get the word out to people who are most in need of the information; and

WHEREAS, 10 months after Hurricane Sandy, Dan Caracciolo led organizers of the 11518 in a rally in East Rockaway to draw attention to the continuing struggle of residents to recover from the storm; many of whom were not back in their homes, and didn't know when they would be; and

WHEREAS, Dan Caracciolo's goal is to accomplish "little wins" for East Rockaway residents, and to help them remember what makes their community a good place to live; and

WHEREAS, Dan Caracciolo has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, He is an officer in the East Rockaway Education Foundation, which helps raise money for East Rockaway schools; however, this extraordinary man can be found assisting others, giving wise counsel, and lending his energies to address issues and needs throughout the greater Bay Park-East Rockaway community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dan Caracciolo has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kristina, and their daughters, Rikki and Felicity, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dan Caracciolo has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dan Caracciolo upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the LYNBROOK/EAST ROCKAWAY HERALD on December 26, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dan Caracciolo.