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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Patricia Locurcio upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the MALVERNE/WEST HEMPSTEAD 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, Patricia Locurcio has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Patricia Locurcio upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the MALVERNE/WEST HEMPSTEAD HERALD on December 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, West Hempstead, New York, native Patricia Locurcio works tirelessly for the betterment of her entire community; she spearheads several local community groups, volunteers across West Hempstead and beyond and is a businesswoman, all while living with multiple sclerosis and working from a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, In 2001 Patricia Locurcio retired on disability after 17 years as a legal secretary; determined not to slow down, this dynamic woman chose to devote her energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, She is a longtime member of the West Hempstead Community Support Association, for which she regularly helps to organize the annual Memorial Day parade and hosts the children's holiday party at Hall's Pond Park, even braving the bitter cold to help young kids decorate holiday cookies; since 2006, she has worked as historian for the West Hempstead Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to support other disabled people, Patricia Locurcio serves as director of communications for the nonprofit organ-

ization Home Free Home, a group of architects who volunteer to design and build accessible homes for senior citizens and people with disabilities across the nation; she also founded the Long Island Breakfast Club, a local advocacy group that provides counseling and resume-writing services for emerging professionals; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Locurcio is also an Avon representative; she was recently named West Hempstead's Small Businessperson of the Year by the Nassau Council Chambers of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Patricia Locurcio has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Paul, and their children, Gina, Nicholas, and Paul, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Patricia Locurcio upon the occasion of her designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the MALVERNE/WEST HEMPSTEAD HERALD; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia Locurcio.