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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony lovino upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the OCEANSIDE/ISLAND PARK 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, Anthony lovino 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 Anthony lovino upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the OCEANSIDE/ISLAND PARK HERALD, on December 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Anthony lovino demonstrates his abiding dedication to the Oceanside, New York, community in innumerable ways, especially in his creation and stewardship of the Oceanside Summer Gazebo Reading Program; and

WHEREAS, The Oceanside Summer Gazebo Reading Program is a weekly literary event in which more than 100 Oceanside residents and others gather to hear some of Long Island's most prestigious poets, authors and comedians, as well as community members, share their favorite literature; and

WHEREAS, A published novelist, essayist, poet, and lover of literature, Anthony lovino originally conceived the Oceanside Summer Gazebo Reading Program as a fundraising opportunity for the local Kiwanis organization; it has evolved into a community favorite, drawing diverse attendees and participants from throughout Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, A Long Island native, Anthony lovino is a graduate of the University of Richmond and St. John's University School of Law; he is

the lead litigation partner at Bondi lovino & Fusco in Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Anthony lovino has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors in Oceanside and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For several years he was president of Kiwanis, and he served as a member of the school board from 1994 to 1997; he is currently the Oceanside Library's special projects coordinator where he has developed an email list and set up the library's Facebook page, opening up the library to new users; and

WHEREAS, Anthony lovino's commitment to Oceanside is all the more impressive given that he lives in the Rockville Centre zip code and works in Garden City; and

WHEREAS, Anthony lovino's exemplary community service and work in the literary community has earned him numerous accolades; he was named Long Islander of the Week by NEWSDAY in May 2011, Citizen of the Year by the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce in 2008, and Kiwanian of the Year in 2007; in addition, he was presented the Long Island Writers Guild's Community Service Award in 2010, the Town of Hempstead's Make a Difference Award in 2008, and was honored by United New Yorkers for Choice in Education in 2006; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Angela, and their two daughters, Amanda and Alison, 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 Anthony lovino has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Anthony lovino upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Person of the Year by the OCEANSIDE/ISLAND PARK HERALD; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony lovino.