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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Randy Shotland upon the occasion of being named 2013 Man of the Year by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce

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, Randy Shotland 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 commend Randy Shotland upon the occasion of being named 2013 Man of the Year by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated in recognition of Randy Shotland's lifetime of community service and activism, at the Chamber's Installation Dinner on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, President of the Merrick Chamber of Commerce, Randy Shotland has lived in Merrick his entire life, and was part of the first class to graduate from John F. Kennedy High School in 1966; his concern for the welfare of Merrick's business districts runs deep, as his mother owned a retail store on Merrick Avenue when he was growing up in the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, After earning a degree from both the Fashion Institute of Technology and Pace University, Randy Shotland spent nearly 30 years running companies in the clothing industry; twelve years ago he transitioned into financial planning work at New York Life, where today he holds the esteemed position of Senior Agent; and

WHEREAS, As President of the Merrick Chamber of Commerce for the last three years, Randy Shotland is dedicated to giving back to the people and community he has been a part of for 63 years; he is there at

ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new businesses, and to welcome new residents to the community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Randy Shotland helps put together child identification programs for local organizations, conducts seminars for local schools on financial awareness and assists numerous charities with fundraising efforts; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, their two children, and two granddaughters, 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 Randy Shotland has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Randy Shotland upon the occasion of being named 2013 Man of the Year by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Randy Shotland.