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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Adrienne Garfinkel upon the occasion of being named 2013 Woman 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, Adrienne Garfinkel 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 commend Adrienne Garfinkel upon the occasion of being named 2013 Woman of the Year by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be celebrated in recognition of Adrienne Garfinkel'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, Adrienne Garfinkel, a retired elementary school teacher, is at the center of Merrick's long-standing traditions; she and her husband Larry, helped to found the Historical Society of the Merricks in 1975, and continue to lead the organization today; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Garfinkel's are in attendance each year for the Historical Society's annual 4th of July celebratory public reading of the Declaration of Independence in downtown Merrick; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 1970's, Adrienne Garfinkel was dedicated to ensuring that Merrick's history did not disappear; she participated in an oral history project and recorded interviews with fellow Merokeans that became part of Merrick Library's historical collection; and

WHEREAS, A lifetime PTA member, Adrienne Garfinkel received a Founder's Day Award from Birch School for her role in bringing cultural and

arts groups to the school; and

WHEREAS, In addition, each year she and her husband help organize the Merrick Brotherhood Council's Thanksgiving Festival of Music, which features musical performances by Merrick children, teenagers, and ensembles from local houses of worship; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne Garfinkel has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Larry, their three sons, and four grandchildren, 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 Adrienne Garfinkel has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Adrienne Garfinkel upon the occasion of being named 2013 Woman 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 Adrienne Garfinkel.