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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Tom and Dell-Ann Benson upon the occasion of their designation as 2014 Pro Deo et Schola Recipients by Long Island Lutheran Schools, on January 31, 2014

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, Tom and Dell-Ann Benson have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Tom and Dell-Ann Benson upon the occasion of their designation as 2014 Pro Deo et Schola Recipients by Long Island Lutheran Schools; the couple will be honored at the Forward Together Campaign Dinner, on Friday, January 31, 2014, at The Tam O' Shanter Club in Brookville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Dell-Ann Benson are longstanding members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Plainview, New York, and the proud parents of two recent Long Island Lutheran High School graduates, Michael and Miranda; and

WHEREAS, Tom Benson is currently an independent director and audit committee chairman for Key Brand Entertainment, Inc.; he spent the first ten years of his career as an auditor at Ernst & Young and subsequently co-founded and served as the chief financial officer of several publicly traded media and entertainment companies; and

WHEREAS, Dell-Ann Benson is an active and committed volunteer, who has served as the Assistant Treasurer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for over 20 years and is currently a member of the congregation council; prior to taking time off to devote her time fully to her family, she worked at several companies including AIG and Avis; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Dell-Ann Benson have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Tom Benson currently serves as the President of the Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School Board of Directors, as well as Treasurer of the Long Island Lutheran Day School Board of Directors; he also serves on the board of The Wartburg Adult Care Community participates on various committees at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and volunteers as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 12 in Huntington; and

WHEREAS, Dell-Ann Benson has also served Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as a Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School delegate, lector, assisting minister, youth leader, chair of the school board, and Sunday school teacher; in 2013, she co-chaired Bid-for-Kids Auction for the fifth time, and has volunteered as the finance co-chair for the auction for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Tom and Dell-Ann Benson have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Tom and Dell-Ann Benson have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Tom and Dell-Ann Benson upon the occasion of their designation as 2014 Pro Deo et Schola Recipients by Long Island Lutheran Schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom and Dell-Ann Benson.