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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of The Sayville Village Improvement Society

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Sayville Village Improvement Society, celebrated at its Annual Holiday Cocktail Party on Saturday, December 7, 2013, at the Gillette House in Sayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1914, The Sayville Village Improvement Society began when Mrs. Lena Hoag called a meeting of local woman with the idea of forming a civic organization with a mission to make Sayville, New York a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Upon its establishment, The Sayville Village Improvement Society, Sayville's first civic organization, first petitioned the Board of Health to limit garbage dumping in the area; in addition, a beacon light was erected at the entrance to Browns' River to ensure the safety of the local baymen; and

WHEREAS, During the first World War, The Sayville Village Improvement Society started a local branch of the Red Cross, and created Honor Boards for local servicemen, one of which is still displayed in the library today; and

WHEREAS, The Sayville Village Improvement Society was instrumental in the completion of the Sayville Library, as well as the opening of the public bathing beach on July 1, 1925; and

WHEREAS, The Greenthumb Committee, now known as the Beautification Committee, began in 1976 with the goal of beautifying downtown Sayville; using redwood boxes made by students at the Junior High School, the group planted flowers to be placed along the main roads; and

WHEREAS, Whether providing the town with beautiful stone waste receptacles, serving a High School Senior with a scholarship, or providing a local under-privileged family with food, toys and coats, The Sayville Village Improvement Society has, for 100 years, dedicated itself to making Sayville, New York a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, The Sayville Village Improvement Society's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Sayville Village Improvement Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Sayville Village Improvement Society.