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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to David McLaughlin as he is honored by the Oyster Bay Lions Club at its 9th Annual Spring Benefit on April 27, 2014

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, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to David McLaughlin as he is honored by the Oyster Bay Lions Club at its 9th Annual Spring Benefit to be held at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Centre Island, New York, on Sunday, April 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club International is dedicated to being a global leader in both community and humanitarian service, empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs; and

WHEREAS, David McLaughlin has been a member of the Oyster Bay Lions Club since 1986; born in Syosset, he moved to Oyster Bay in 1969 with his family, and is a graduate of Oyster Bay High School; and

WHEREAS, He attended the University of Rhode Island, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Development; and

WHEREAS, David McLaughlin's career began at the Planting Fields Arboretum, where he became the head of the greenhouses, while earning an MBA from Long Island University, C.W. Post campus, and teaching as an adjunct professor at the State of New York College at Farmingdale; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, David married Genellen McGrath and they lived for several years in the Historic Walt Whitman House in Huntington; they moved to Kansas City, Missouri, when David was offered a position as the Supervisor of Floriculture for the City; their two children, David and Helen, were born shortly after; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, David's brother, Joe, made him an offer to come back to Oyster Bay and head up the newly-formed landscape division of Dodds & Eder; David became a full partner in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 30 years, David McLaughlin grew the landscape operation into the award-winning, full-service landscape design and installation firm it is today; and

WHEREAS, A valued member of his community, Lion Dave McLaughlin's involvement has included membership, service and leadership in several area organizations: the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Boys and Girls Club, where he was President; President of the North Shore Horticultural Society; Vice-President of the Waterfront Center; and President of the Oyster Bay Lions Club (1989-1990 and 2009-2010); and

WHEREAS, David McLaughlin is the proud recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Award as well as the Melvin Jones Award; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, David McLaughlin enjoys reading, fishing, antiquing, traveling with his wife to visit their children in Virginia and California, and spending time at their second home in Maine; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which David McLaughlin has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the

recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay

tribute to David McLaughlin as he is honored by the Oyster Bay Lions Club at its 9th Annual Spring Benefit on April 27, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David McLaughlin.