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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of ISLAND DISPATCH

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Our newspapers provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of ISLAND DISPATCH; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1944 by Oliver Howard, ISLAND DISPATCH became an official newspaper in Erie County on January 6, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Since its inaugural issue, ISLAND DISPATCH has continuously informed and entertained its readers, both in Grand Island and around the world; and

WHEREAS, ISLAND DISPATCH is the official newspaper of Grand Island; through editorial comment and ongoing coverage, the publication has been instrumental in building new libraries, saving old churches, raising local environmental questions, and monitoring the actions of local citizens groups; and

WHEREAS, Generous with photographs of school and church activities, ISLAND DISPATCH plays an integral role in the community through its special columns designated for highlighting residents' birthdays, anni-

versaries, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, In addition, ISLAND DISPATCH provides a forum for local opinion as well as an affordable medium for community organizations to reach an immediate market; and

WHEREAS, As the ISLAND DISPATCH moves into the future, it carries with it the legacy of a distinguished journalistic history and an outstanding record of growth and achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberation to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of ISLAND DISPATCH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ISLAND DISPATCH.