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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Reena Kashyap upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts and Culture Award by the Volunteer Center of United Way

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, Reena Kashyap 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 Reena Kashyap upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts and Culture Award by the Volunteer Center of United Way; she will be honored at the 34th Annual Volunteer Spirit Awards Breakfast Celebration, on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Doubletree Hilton in Tarrytown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Volunteer Center of United Way is a one-stop resource devoted to increasing volunteerism in Westchester County and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Rye, New York, now living in Manhattan, Reena Kashyap is being recognized for her ceaseless dedicated service to the Clay Art Center in Port Chester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Reena Kashyap, through her committed drive and passion, revitalized the Clay Art Center of Port Chester, transforming its flagging artists program and deteriorating factory building into a hub for a growing cadre of clay artists as well as a magnet for the public; and

WHEREAS, It is rare that one individual makes such a singular imprint in an institution as Reena Kashyap has made to the Clay Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Reena Kashyap's broad vision included reshaping of the

57-year-old center's work to encompass youth and families by offering community-oriented programs and activities; a requirement that artists donate three hours a month to volunteering at the center, put clay into the hands of children and adults in the community, opening their eyes to the magic of self-expression through art; and

WHEREAS, Through her creative and tremendous efforts, Reena Kashyap has made the Clay Art Center into a cultural resource for all the residents of Rye, New York, to enjoy; the deep commitment to service that she learned from her family, as well as from her childhood growing up in India, has truly manifested in an endeavor of lasting benefit to the community; and

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

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Reena Kashyap has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Reena Kashyap upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Arts and Culture Award by the Volunteer Center of United Way; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reena Kashyap.