

## 2013-J4472

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library to be celebrated on Sunday, April 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Plainview Library opened its doors on January 7, 1956, in the Jamaica Avenue School; in 1957, the Library relocated to rented space in the Morton Village Shopping Center, where it remained until the current building opened in 1963; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1966, the Library's charter was amended and its name was changed to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library to accurately reflect the one school district and two communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library celebrated a building expansion which included a 236 seat auditorium and an expanded Family Center; with technological advances changing how almost everything is done, the Library continues to be the place to learn and to access information; and

WHEREAS, Public computers, free WIFI, basic computer classes, CDs and DVDs, audiobooks, playaways, eBooks and eBook readers allow the community to keep up with new technology; and

WHEREAS, The Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library continues to be a

community center, providing educational and entertainment programs for all ages and meeting room space for over 90 community groups; and WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, in partnership with a vital community that values learning, may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library.