

## 2013-J4589

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Nancy and Jim Cowles upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Community Chest of Port Washington

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nancy and Jim Cowles upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Community Chest of Port Washington, to be celebrated on Monday, May 19, 2014, at the Port Washington Public Library, Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Community Chest of Port Washington is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving people's lives through raising funds for distribution to over 25 local charities; the Citizen of the Year Award honors those individuals who have devoted a lifetime of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Nancy and Jim Cowles, through their many contributions, have made a significant impact on the health and well-being of the residents of Port Washington; for many years, they have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for this special honor; and

WHEREAS, A retired school psychologist, Nancy Cowles has consistently shown a strong commitment to helping others; she has volunteered with multiple worthy causes including working as a tutor in ESL, reading, and learning disabilities programs; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Cowles has served on the boards of numerous community organizations; she was head of a committee to develop a comprehensive special education plan for the Port Washington School District, and has

been a member of the Child Guidance Association, as well as the Schreiber High School Diversity Committee and the student loan and scholarship committees; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed woman is a former President, Event Chair, and Board Member of the Community Chest; her efforts have been vital in the success of the organization throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Cowles has held several positions in the League of Women Voters, and has been named to the Women's Role of Honor by the Town of North Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, Equally dedicated to improving civic life, Jim Cowles is an architect who has utilized his skills for the building needs of non-profit organizations in his community; he currently serves as a member of the Port Washington Police Department Building Committee and the Board of Directors of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington; and

WHEREAS, As a coach with the Port Washington Youth Association (PYA), Jim Cowles led the first soccer team which allowed girls to participate in league history; he has been committed to advocating for Title IX practices in schools; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cowles also contributed his time and efforts as member of the Rotary Club for 23 years; during his term as president, he implemented social programs for the developmentally disabled, raised funds for local agencies and hosted a foreign exchange student; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Jim Cowles was named a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest honor a Rotary International Club can bestow; and

WHEREAS, Together, Nancy and Jim Cowles have each served nine years as distinguished officers on the Port Washington Board of Education, working on many important committees and initiatives to improve the quality of education for the children of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Nancy and Jim Cowles have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which this remarkable couple have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nancy and Jim Cowles upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Community Chest of Port Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nancy and Jim Cowles.