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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lisa Smith, proprietor of Coquette Boutique, upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Business Person of the Year Award by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce on May 9, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious individuals and institutions of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend Lisa Smith, proprietor of Coquette Boutique, upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Business Person of the Year Award by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce; she will be honored on Friday, May 9, 2014, at the Pineapple Ball to be held at the Garden City Hotel, Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Smith will receive this auspicious award for her significant contributions to the local economy, and the welfare of the Garden City community, as well as her outstanding professionalism; and

WHEREAS, A 1999 graduate of Garden City High School, Lisa Smith was always interested in fashion, heading up the costume department for the high school's Masquers, and designing her own senior prom dress; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Fordham University in 2003, Lisa Smith began her career in fashion as a shoe buyer for Bloomingdales, where she gained priceless experience working with shoe designers for four years; eager to make a big move and pursue her dream, this Garden City native left Bloomingdales to open a local boutique which would offer residents and nearby fashion followers a trend-driven and convenient place to shop and be styled; and

WHEREAS, In October of 2007, Lisa Smith's Coquette Boutique opened its doors, revealing a super chic atmosphere adorned with an oversize chandelier, and antique furnishings to display her eclectic collections; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment, Coquette Boutique has grown tremendously, introducing many new lines and expanding its accessory and jewelry selections; in the summer of 2012, Lisa Smith added the "Coquette Mobile," housed in a 1966 Airstream trailer, which is Coquette's fully functional traveling boutique that matches the chic feel of its storefront, offering a petite selection of the flagship; this mobile boutique can be seen in the warmer months at local beaches, fairs, and house parties; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Smith focuses on her local community by employing many young women from the community, and utilizing their talents as models for the shop's clothing; customers know when they shop at Coquette, they will not only be helped by a passionate fashionista, but they are also helping to support local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Through all of its growth and changes, Lisa Smith has held true to her original ideal of giving the style-conscious women of Garden City and surrounding communities a convenient haven to shop; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her parents, husband, family, and friends, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, With her proven business leadership abilities and her evident dedication to the community she grew up in, Lisa Smith is the quintessential selection for this prestigious Businessperson of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lisa Smith, proprietor of Coquette Boutique, upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Business Person of the Year Award by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lisa Smith, Owner, Coquette Boutique.