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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Harry E. Brown upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award

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, Harry E. Brown has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Harry E. Brown upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore Business Improvement District (BID) to be celebrated at its 14th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Captain Bill's, Bay Shore, New York; and

WHEREAS, Harry E. Brown, one of Bay Shore's most respected residents, is greatly admired for his unwavering devotion and service to his community; he is receiving this esteemed award for his professional excellence and leadership, his spirit of generosity, and his service and advocacy on behalf of Bay Shore; and

WHEREAS, Born in Dr. King's Hospital and raised in Bay Shore, he is a 1966 graduate of Bay Shore High School; and

WHEREAS, After earning his teaching degree from Cortland State College, Harry E. Brown pursued his graduate studies at Stony Brook University; after graduate studies, he was recruited by a growing Long Island-based heavy equipment manufacturing firm; he is still active in this industry, currently serving as Vice President of Able Weldbuilt Industries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, As his children attended public school, Harry E. Brown became increasingly active in several educational issues; this prompted him to run for a school board seat and was elected to the Bay Shore School board in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Along with the other board members, Harry E. Brown served the Bay Shore Schools with a twofold vision: to institute change that strengthened the educational system while improving the community at large; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in creating the Office of School Community Relations which established an avenue of communication between the school district and the community; he then hired Dr. Evelyn Holman, the new Superintendent who shared the board's vision; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Harry E. Brown, along with the others, created the Summit Council, the driving force of the rebirth of the Bay Shore community; and

WHEREAS, Harry E. Brown has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the Board of Education in 2000, Harry E. Brown reactivated the Bay Shore High School Alumni Association; under his able leadership, the association was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization which has been raising funds for student scholarships for the past 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Harry E. Brown has served as moderator of the annual Meet the Candidates Night for school board elections; he also enjoys participating in the annual Bay Shore-Blightwaters St. Patrick's Day Parade representing the Bay Shore High School Alumni Association; addi-

tionally, Harry enjoys helping organize the annual Main Street Community Halloween Garden event; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Harry E. Brown has stood constant in

dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Teresa, and their three children, Johanna, Patrick and Conner, as well as five grandchildren, Gavin, Keenan, Beckett, Aidan, and Kayla, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Harry E. Brown has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Harry E. Brown upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harry E. Brown.