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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Captain Maria D'Amelio upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trailblazer Award on March 24, 2014

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the State of New York is greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote their purposeful endeavors in service to their community, helping to protect and preserve the community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Captain Maria D'Amelio upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trailblazer Award; this momentous occasion was celebrated at the 16th Annual Trailblazers Awards Ceremony on Monday, March 24, 2014, at the Nassau County Legislative Chamber, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, As part of Women's History Month, Nassau County Auxiliary Police Captain Maria D'Amelio was chosen for this auspicious award for her outstanding work within her community; and

WHEREAS, Maria D'Amelio was born in Italy, and later settled in Great Neck, New York during the mid-1970s; as a young woman with a strong work ethic, she paid her way through Queens College with her earnings and tips from waitressing at local restaurants; and

WHEREAS, While still in College, Maria D'Amelio began working in the mailroom of a market research firm; within three months she was offered a full-time supervisory position, and over the years rose to the esteemed title of Vice President of Operations; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Vice President, Maria D'Amelio directed client donations of food and consumer products to many charitable organizations including The Inn, Island Harvest, and Long Island Cares; and

WHEREAS, Captain Maria D'Amelio has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, As Nassau County Auxiliary Police Captain, Maria D'Amelio patrols her community to ensure the safety of its residents; she is the Auxiliary Police Liaison to the Village of Great Neck, Village of Great Neck Plaza Business Improvement District, Department of Public Safety, and the Town of North Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is a popular speaker for the Lakeville Elementary School's Stranger Danger Program, as well as at University Gardens Property Owners Association's Homeowners Safety programs; and

WHEREAS, Vigilant in her efforts to keep the citizens of Great Neck, Roslyn, and Port Washington safe, Captain Maria D'Amelio takes her job seriously and with a selflessness that is beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Captain Maria D'Amelio has given countless hours to Meals on Wheels, the Lioness Club of Glen Cove, North Shore Hospital's Lions Eye Bank, the Great Neck Co-Op & Condominium Council, and the Board of the Kings Point House; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Captain Maria D'Amelio 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 Captain Maria D'Amelio has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 honor Captain Maria D'Amelio upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Trailblazer Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain Maria D'Amelio.