

## 2013-J5042

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Meredith H. Celentano upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Meredith H. Celentano upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 35th Annual Achievers' Awards Gala, to be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For more than thirty-five years, the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women has been dedicated to advancing women in business, industry and the professions; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women celebrate and honor women who have made significant contributions in their fields, are leaders, mentors, and who have opened doors for other women to help foster their rise in business, the professions and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Meredith H. Celentano joined Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, in January of 2006, and currently is the Assistant Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs; and

WHEREAS, A seasoned and accomplished fundraising and management

professional, Meredith H. Celentano oversees a wide variety of functions including: management of alumni affairs activities, foundation relations, special events, and annual giving; and

WHEREAS, Since she began her illustrious career at Hofstra University, Meredith H. Celentano has doubled the university's annual fund, and the donor participation rate has increased to 10 percent; in addition, in 2009, she created Women in Leadership at Hofstra University, an initiative aimed at cultivating new alumni leadership; and

WHEREAS, Meredith H. Celentano began her career as an Assistant Special Events Coordinator for Long Island University's three campuses, and went on to be a development associate for the Consolidated Corporate Fund at Lincoln Center before joining New York University's School of Law as a development officer in 1997; there, she rose through the ranks to Director of Development, and in 2004, became Director of Development at Molloy College in Rockville Centre; and

WHEREAS, Beyond her professional achievements, Meredith H. Celentano has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she has served as a member of the Board of Directors of National Association for Mother's Centers, a member of the corporate development committee for the 2010 Walk-A-Thon for Girl Scouts of Nassau County, and writes a food blog called Meredith's Food for Life; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Meredith H. Celentano is a member of the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Long Island, and was recognized with the first-ever Generation Award for advancing ethical and effective fundraising practices across generations; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Meredith H. Celentano; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community,

and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Meredith H. Celentano upon the occasion of her designation as a 2014 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Meredith H. Celentano.