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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Antonia Flores upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Student Narrative Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing Community Education on June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary pursuit of education as adults; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Antonia Flores upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Student Narrative Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing Community Education, to be celebrated at its Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at The Watermill Restaurant, Smithtown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Suffolk Association for Continuing Community Education (SACCE) was founded to promote lifelong learning opportunities for adults within Suffolk County and beyond the county's borders; its purpose is to advance adult education as a vital factor in adult growth, development and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, Through the sharing of resources and ideas with colleagues in the Nassau Association, and under the umbrella of the New York State Association, SACCE strives to increase the recognition of and respect for continuing community education and its professionals; in addition, it is the goal of the organization to exercise leadership in the advocacy of adult community and continuing education at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Flores came to the United States from Mexico; after her sons were settled in school, she and her husband agreed that it was

time for her to pursue her long awaited goal to speak, read and write fluently in English; and

WHEREAS, A most humble, kind, and generous woman, Antonia Flores has two passions in life, the love of her family, and floral designing; over the past several years she has made and sold floral pieces to friends for a variety of events, and last winter, she graciously received a BOCES scholarship for a course in Floral Design; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, soon after this experience, she was commissioned by Molloy College in Rockville Centre to create two floral pieces for their Annual Academic Symposium; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Flores continues to be an inspiration to everyone who knows her, and has made many of her dreams, by moving to America, come true; in June of 2014, she will continue her educational dream with BOCES to receive preparation for a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Otto, and their two sons, Pedro and Anthony, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Antonia Flores may now stand with just pride in assessing her achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of her labors and the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new ventures; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Antonia Flores upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Student Narrative Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing Community Education on June 12, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Antonia Flores.