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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Friends of Raynham Hall upon the occasion of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of its incorporation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations which seek to bring recognition to historical places within the State of New York, and in doing so, help to ensure that the complete history of our State and Nation is preserved and shared with present generations of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Friends of Raynham Hall upon the occasion of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of its incorporation on Sunday, June, 1, 2014, in Oyster Bay, New York; and

WHEREAS, A time capsule of Long Island life in the 18th and 19th centuries, Raynham Hall Museum brings to life the history of the nearly 300-year-old Townsend family home, and the important role it played during the American Revolution as home to George Washington's secret agent Robert Townsend; and

WHEREAS, The Raynham Hall Museum has many programs and exhibits which highlight both the home's contributions to American life and the many changes it has experienced reflecting our country's evolution; and

WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1953, The Friends of Raynham Hall is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and operation of Raynham Hall Museum in partnership with the Town of Oyster Bay; it proudly serves the community through enhancing visitors knowledge of Colonial Life, Slavery, and the Victorian Era; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Raynham Hall welcomes thousands of students each year on class field trips to the museum; its costumed educators offer group tours on various historical subjects including the Revolu-

tionary War, Civil War, and Victorian Life; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization is committed to historical preservation and partners with other civic groups to make its community a more vital place; and

WHEREAS, In so effectively carrying out its mission, The Friends of Raynham Hall has demonstrated the value of its continuing mission to preserve this remarkable place; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for The Friends of Raynham Hall, and for all of the individuals who have worked to bring proper attention to a place and time which merits recognition in the grand panorama of the history of our State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Friends of Raynham Hall upon the occasion of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of its incorporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the The Friends of Raynham Hall.