

## 2013-J5394

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Christopher J. Cassar, Esq. as he is honored at the 2014 St. Hugh of Lincoln Annual Golf Classic on June 23

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and pay tribute to Christopher J. Cassar, Esq. as he is honored at the 2014 St. Hugh of Lincoln Annual Golf Classic to be held on Monday, June 23, 2014, at the Huntington Crescent Club in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Cassar has very fond memories of St. Hugh; in addition to regularly participating in Mass, he attended St. Hugh's grammar school for several years, was an altar boy, and worked for a period of time in the rectory; he was also employed at the Community Food Market, just a block away from St. Hugh, for ten years; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Christopher Cassar attended college at a Catholic university to continue his studies while continuing to develop his faith in Christ, graduating from St. John's University in Queens with a Bachelor degree; and

WHEREAS, Christopher later attended Hofstra University School of Law, where he was drawn to the practice of criminal law; it was during his years at Hofstra that Christopher made a commitment to develop skills as a trial attorney and represent the poor and disenfranchised in our society; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from law school, Christopher Cassar joined the New York City Legal Aid Society as a Staff Attorney in their Brooklyn office, representing indigent people in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, After acquiring invaluable experience with Legal Aid, in

1991, Christopher founded his own law firm in Huntington Village; and WHEREAS, Christopher Cassar's areas of practice have expanded over the years to include civil litigation, personal injury, family law, criminal litigation, real estate and immigration law; the firm now has several associate attorneys who are dedicated to providing the highest quality legal services to their clients; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Cassar is admitted to practice law in the State of New York, the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Cassar has conducted more than 100 trials and pre-trial hearings in both state and federal jurisdictions and Christopher and his firm donate a considerable amount of time and services to the indigent; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Cassar's law firm is nationally recognized; in 2013, he proudly accepted an invitation to become a member of a national trial lawyers association known as "The National Association of Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers" which recognized his dedication, skill and excellence in the practice of trial law; and

WHEREAS, Some of Christopher J. Cassar's cases have been covered by local and national media such as NEWSDAY, News 12, News 4, and Eyewitness News, and E! Entertainment which featured Christopher Cassar in a production entitled "Saviors to Scandals"; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Cassar currently resides in Greenlawn, New York with his cherished wife of 25 years, Colleen Rey Cassar and their two wonderful children, Christopher and Ashley; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and commend Christopher J. Cassar as he is honored at the 2014

St. Hugh of Lincoln Annual Golf Classic on June 23, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Christopher J. Cassar, Esq.