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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Terry Fontana upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the United States Tennis Association Eastern

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize individuals from the sporting world who have distinguished themselves through exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Terry Fontana upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the United States Tennis Association Eastern; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel, White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, Terry Fontana has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Terry Fontana has worked selflessly to promote the growth of the sport of tennis through her numerous volunteer roles; and

WHEREAS, Soon after picking up her first racket in 1956, Terry Fontana quickly developed a love for the sport, as well as a passion for helping others become better tennis players; some of her early accomplishments include founding the Matinecock Racquet Club and managing Valley Tennis of Manhasset; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman first became involved with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) in 1989, joining the Long Island Region Board upon her return to New York; her many contributions to area tennis include bringing the sport into the Hicksville School District and starting the first community tennis association in Long Island; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Terry Fontana organized the Vitas Gerulaitis Long Island Championships; through her tireless work, the event has raised significant funds for college scholarships for deserving junior tennis players; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her outstanding volunteer work, Terry Fontana has been the recipient of such prestigious awards and accolades as the Hy Zausner Lifetime Achievement Award, the Long Island Volunteer of the Year Award, and the Vitas Gerulaitis For The Love of Tennis Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Terry Fontana 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 this remarkable woman has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Terry Fontana upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the United States Tennis Association Eastern; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Terry Fontana.