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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron upon the occasion of hosting its 2014-2015 Change of Watch Installation Ceremony on May 1, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge organizations of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the complexion of the majestic Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron upon the occasion of hosting its 2014-2015 Change of Watch Installation Ceremony on Thursday, May 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Organized in 1914, the United States Power Squadron is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation, and related subjects; its members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education; and

WHEREAS, The United States Power Squadron has nearly 40,000 members organized into over 400 squadrons across the country, and in some United States territories; it is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three United States presidents for its civic contributions; the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron is one such squadron; and

WHEREAS, The Hempstead Bay Power Squadron's activities involve the three primary objectives of the United States Power Squadron including community service, continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of its fellow members; and

WHEREAS, The community and civic services that the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron offers include boating safety courses on a regular basis to

boaters in their community, which are open to the public; successfully completing a United States Power Squadron boating safety course meets the educational requirements for boat operation in all states; in addition, in a cooperative program with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, squadron members conduct courtesy Vessel Safety Checks of boats at the request of their owners; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron members help the National Ocean Service keep its nautical charts accurate by reporting chart corrections, and participate in many other community improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, The Hempstead Bay Power Squadron offers many carefully planned courses in subjects such as Seamanship, Piloting, Plotting and Position Finding, Celestial Navigation, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Sailing, and much more; these courses are taught by experienced member instructors, and members who complete them are recognized; and

WHEREAS, Participating both on-the-water and off with fellow members who are skilled in boating is a rewarding and enjoyable experience; on-the-water activities include cruises, rendezvous, sail races, navigation contests and even fishing derbies; activities ashore include meetings with marine programs, parties, dinner-dances, picnics and field trips; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron upon the occasion of hosting its 2014-2015 Change of Watch Installation Ceremony on May 1, 2014; and

be it further

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

mitted to the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron.