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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Northport-East Northport Public Library

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Northport-East Northport Public Library, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Northport-East Northport Public Library is a free public library with a mission to inform, educate and culturally enrich people of all ages through the selection, organization, promotion and dissemination of the printed word and other forms of expression; and

WHEREAS, Chartered by the State of New York in June of 1914, the original Northport Public Library was designed by Harry E. Donnell, a well-known New York City architect; it held its grand opening on December 13, 1915, with an evening of music and speeches; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, this esteemed institution has been an integral part of community life; during World War I, the library aided the war effort through its participation in a program to send books to troops overseas; when the Great Depression struck, the library's downstairs meeting room became a women's workroom, mending donated clothing that was then distributed to families in need; and

WHEREAS, In 1939, East Northport residents formed the Library Association of East Northport to establish a public library in the community; the following year, the East Northport Public Library opened as a branch

of the Northport Public Library; and

WHEREAS, During World War II and in the years that followed, the Library system continued to strengthen its collection and expand services, while supporting America's troops; book donations were again sent to soldiers overseas, and Red Cross volunteers used the Main Street library building meeting room to prepare surgical dressings; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, construction was completed on a new Northport Library and an extension to the East-Northport Library; these spacious, new library facilities allowed the system to respond to the interests of the still-growing community and to a proliferation of media and information resources; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1982, computer access steadily expanded from a single computer to multiple work stations word processing and other software applications; in 1995, the Library offered internet access to its patrons for the first time; and

WHEREAS, During the 1990s, the Northport and East Northport Public Libraries both moved to beautiful new facilities, offering wonderful services, computer resources, and programming to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, As the Northport-East Northport Public Library marks 100 years of service, it continues to be a vital and relevant part of civic life and looks forward to continuing its tradition of meeting the educational, informational, and cultural needs of the community by providing innovative, superior library service; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Northport-East Northport Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, while remaining a vital place for area residents for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Northport-East Northport Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Northport-East Northport Public Library.