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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Ice Rink at the Great Neck Park District's Parkwood Sports Complex on November 5, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those organizations which faithfully devote their purposeful energies to fostering opportunities for and to contributing to the quality of life for the youth of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Ice Rink at the Great Neck Park District's Parkwood Sports Complex on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, Great Neck, New York; and WHEREAS, To honor this auspicious event, the celebration included free admission and festivities throughout the evening, such as a live performance, open public skating, cake, giveaways, raffle prizes, DJ music and special lighting; and

WHEREAS, Great Neck's own 2002 Olympic gold medal champion, Sarah Hughes and her sister Emily Hughes, an Olympic, World and National skater, were the hosts during the show and mesmerized the audience with their spectacular performances; Jimmy Ma, also a native of Great Neck, gave a stunning performance, amazing the audience with his skill; and WHEREAS, In addition, there were performances by the Great Neck Figure Skating Club, Great Neck Bears/Bruins Hockey Teams, Tony Conte with Natasha Durso, The Icettes Synchronized Skating Team, Francesca Cilluffo, Amie Adjakple, Rachel B. and Alexandra Hughes Parker, and the Therapeutic Skaters; and

WHEREAS, The Ice Rink, located in Great Neck Park District's Parkwood Sports Complex on Arrandale Avenue, has served the interests of the people of the Empire State by providing the Village of Great Neck with an Olympic size refrigerated ice rink; the Ice Rink also offers public

skating, skate rentals, and is home to the Great Neck Hockey Bruins

Travel Hockey and Bears; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Great Neck Skate School offers classes for all ages and abilities, as well as camps and private lessons; the school follows the curriculum and standards set by the Ice Skating Institute and are structured to promote a fun and recreational atmosphere; and WHEREAS, The goal of the Great Neck School is to develop skaters naturally and to encourage future athletes; within the school many programs are available for the different needs of skaters, and its highly qualified staff of professionals is dedicated to promoting the sport of figure skating and creating a fun and positive environment for the whole family; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their mission, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Ice Rink at the Great Neck Park District's Parkwood Sports Complex on November 5, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Ice Rink at the Great Neck Park District's Parkwood Sports Complex.