

## 2015-J1251

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Louis Varricchio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club on April 26, 2015

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Louis Varricchio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club to be celebrated at its 10th Annual Spring Benefit on Sunday, April 26, 2015, at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Centre Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club International is dedicated to being a global leader in both community and humanitarian service, empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs; and

WHEREAS, For over 65 years, the Oyster Bay Lions Club has served the needs of its community, supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind, Lions Eye Bank for Long Island, and numerous other vital local causes; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Oyster Bay, Louis Varricchio is a graduate of Oyster Bay High School, and later attended Farmingdale College where he studied Controls For Heating; and

WHEREAS, For two years, Louis Varricchio proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; after his service to the mili-

tary, he worked in the family plumbing business; and

WHEREAS, In 1953, Louis Varricchio married the former Theresa Curcio, and together they raised two daughters, Vincinza and Maria; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Louis Varricchio started his own business, General Utilities; in 1964, he hired a partner, and also took over the family plumbing business; after 15 years of distinguished service, Louis sold his portion of General Utilities to his partner; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Louis Varricchio retired and sold the family plumbing business, which is still in operation today as Varricchio Plumbing; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, Louis Varricchio has been a valued member of the Oyster Bay Lions Club, and continues to generously support his community with passion, honor and pride; during this time, he was the recipient of the prestigious Robert Uplinger Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Louis Varricchio has been a member of the American Legion for 62 years, as well as a member of the American-Italian Club, Italian Mutual Aide Society, and the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Together, Louis Varricchio and his wife, Theresa, enjoy traveling and gardening; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife and two daughters, Louis Varricchio is the proud grandfather of two grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 honor Louis Varricchio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club on April 26, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louis Varricchio.