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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Herbert McGrail upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Boy Scouts of America, Suffolk County Council on May 6, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Herbert McGrail upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Boy Scouts of America, Suffolk County Council, to be celebrated at its Eagles Connect Event on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Appliance World, Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, An esteemed resident of Northport since 1962, Herbert McGrail, affectionately known as Herb, has volunteered countless hours and served as a moral compass, guide and safe haven for hundreds of young people throughout the local community; and

WHEREAS, Herb McGrail co-founded The Place in 1967, a substance abuse treatment and counseling center; this vital organization was incorporated as Concepts for Narcotic Prevention Inc., and became a "place" where youth in distress could come for help; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, during this time, Herb McGrail gave tirelessly of his time and energy to those in need, taking children into his home through times of crisis, immersing them in a family setting, and nursing them back on their feet with emotional guidance; and

WHEREAS, Herb McGrail began his illustrious career in Boy Scouts while taking his son to a Cub Scout meeting in 1969; since that day he has become a staple of the local Boy Scouts of America, holding myriad

titles over the last 37 years; and

WHEREAS, As current Advancement Chairman, a position he has held for more than two decades, Herb McGrail oversees candidates who are seeking to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout, a performance based achievement; during this time, he has worked with more than 500 young men, helping them conceive and complete 200 to 300-hour projects in an effort to reach their goal; and

WHEREAS, A retired Engineer, Herb McGrail gave 32 years of dedicated service to the Northrop Grumman Corporation; he currently serves on the Environmental Open Space and Park Fund Review Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Herb McGrail received the National Saint George Award of the Episcopal Church, bestowed by the Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America; this auspicious award acknowledged Herb for his distinguished service in the spiritual, physical, mental and moral development of young people through work with the church and national youth agency programs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Herb McGrail has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 45 years, Betsy and their three children, as well as seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Herb McGrail has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Herbert McGrail upon the occasion of his designation for special

recognition by the Boy Scouts of America, Suffolk County Council on May 6, 2015, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Herbert McGrail.