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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carolyn Reilly upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education on June 16, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the 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 Carolyn Reilly upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Suffolk Association for Continuing Community Education (SACCE) was founded to promote lifelong learning opportunities for adults within Suffolk County and beyond the county's borders; its purpose is to advance adult education as a vital factor in adult growth, development and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, Through the sharing of resources and ideas with colleagues in the Nassau Association, and under the umbrella of the New York State Association, SACCE strives to increase the recognition of and respect for continuing community education and its professionals; in addition, it is the goal of the organization to exercise leadership in the advocacy of adult community and continuing education at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated counselor who inspires her students in their education endeavors and life goals, Carolyn Reilly began her illustrious

career at Western Suffolk BOCES in 2004 as a recruiter; in this capacity she welcomed students to the center who were looking for a second chance at life, and assisted in the new data reporting system, NRS, a monthly attendance report for all literacy classes; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Fordham University with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, Carolyn Reilly went on to complete her graduate studies program in the field of Counseling at C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University; she is currently enrolled at Stony Brook University where she is studying School Administration; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Reilly has been an integral part of the National External Diploma Project for the past five years; she has been instrumental in assessing many students in a program which allows the students to earn a local high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her duties as an assessor, Carolyn Reilly has conducted orientations and local marketing for the program; her insight and expertise as a counselor make her an invaluable asset to the National External Diploma Program as she is able to counsel completed students with regard to their future educational goals; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Carolyn Reilly provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Reilly has clearly had an enduring impact on the students of Western Suffolk BOCES and the community at large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for many impressive years of dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of

education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Carolyn Reilly upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education on June 16, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carolyn Reilly.