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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gary Thorn upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Technology Transfer Award by the Electric Power Research Institute

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those individuals and organizations within the great State of New York that are dedicated to the vital work of environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gary Thorn upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Technology Transfer Award by the Electric Power Research Institute; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a ceremony in Charleston, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Gary Thorn, a section manager in Central Engineering at Consolidated Edison, Inc., was presented with this auspicious award for developing a system which protects fish in the East River near a steam and electric generating plant; and

WHEREAS, Consolidated Edison, Inc. is one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies and has received widespread recognition for its environmental performance by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Highland, New York, Gary Thorn led a team that designed a system of five screens with fine mesh panels to filter fish, eggs and larvae from the water cooling intake at the East River Generating Station off East 14th Street in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the screens, along with a fish-return system, reduce the plant's impact on the river; the fish-return system uses low-pressure spray to gently remove any aquatic organisms trapped on the screens and return them to the river; and

WHEREAS, The engineering and planning for his project were extremely complex; under the able leadership and expertise of Gary Thorn, the best technology was selected and applied with great precision and attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, The results of this extraordinary project will keep the marine life, including the Atlantic croaker, Atlantic tomcod, cunner and bay anchovy, abundant for years to come, providing recreational and ecological benefits; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of individuals such as Gary Thorn who work tirelessly on behalf of protecting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gary Thorn upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Technology Transfer Award by the Electric Power Research Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary Thorn.