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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Debbie Shichtman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset on May 31, 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 Dr. Debbie Shichtman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset, to be celebrated on Sunday, May 31, 2015, at the Swan Club, Roslyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debbie Shichtman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she is being honored during this most auspicious occasion in recognition of her 46 years of outstanding service to the League and the Greater Community; and

WHEREAS, Community activist and leader, Dr. Debbie Shichtman has served as President of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Great Neck, Co-President of the LWV of Nassau County, on the Board of the LWV of New York State and currently on the Board of the LWV of Port Washington-Manhasset; and

WHEREAS, Throughout nearly five decades of service to LWV, Dr. Debbie Shichtman moderated candidate forums, edited the LWV of Nassau County Voter's Guide, and chaired studies on Charter Schools, Alternate Energy

and Water on Long Island; she also worked with the Board of Elections on a new voting machine project and frequently coordinated and monitored the Town of North Hempstead Housing Authority Tenants Election; and WHEREAS, In addition to her steadfast and unwavering service to the League of Women Voters, Dr. Debbie Shichtman has devoted her energies to support gifted and disadvantaged children; and

WHEREAS, Currently a resident at the Amsterdam at Harborside in Port Washington, Dr. Debbie Shichtman continues her fight for the environment; she was instrumental in preventing the construction of a garbage facility adjacent to the protected marshland in Hempstead Harbor, and coordinated a petition in support of a Water Compact on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Dr. Debbie Shichtman has served on the Election Committee, and is currently on the Public Affairs Committee at the Amsterdam at Harborside; she was secretary of the Great Neck/Manhasset Community Child Care Partnership and was a member of the National Society of Gifted and Talented Children where she helped institute programs for gifted children in Nassau and Suffolk schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debbie Shichtman earned her bachelor's degree from Barnard College, her MSW from Columbia University School of Social Work, and an Ed.D. from Columbia University Teachers College; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Dr. Debbie Shichtman was honored by the LWV of Nassau County for her years of public service, and in 2003, the Town of North Hempstead placed her on their Women's Roll of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Debbie Shichtman has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Debbie Shichtman has displayed throughout her life; 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 Dr. Debbie Shichtman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset on May 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Debbie Shichtman.