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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating 14 individuals from New York State Senate District No. 5 upon the occasion of their Graduation from the Huntington Parent Leadership Initiative on June 16, 2015

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate 14 individuals from New York State Senate District No. 5 upon the occasion of their Graduation from the Huntington Parent Leadership Initiative, to be celebrated at a ceremony on Tuesday, June 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, More than two decades ago, the Parent Leadership Initiative (PLI) program was established in the Town of Huntington; this vital organization was designed to prepare parents from different ethnic and economic backgrounds to assume leadership roles in their community; and

WHEREAS, PLI is based on the idea that the family is the heart of the community, and parents can be their children's most important teachers, as well as their strongest supporters; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated parents come together for a 16 to 20 week program, exploring interests, concerns, strengths, and ideas; they work together to develop interpersonal and public communication skills, gaining an understanding of how to work with government, media, and civic groups; and

WHEREAS, Participants of the program address important child care issues such as health, quality schooling and neighborhood safety; each

class is guided by the previous graduating class, creating a growing group of parents who work to improve their communities; and WHEREAS, Graduates who successfully complete the program are then able to join the Graduate Coalition, where they work on projects to help make a difference in their Suffolk County Community; and

WHEREAS, The proud graduates from New York State Senate District No. 5 of the Huntington Parent Leadership Initiative are: Yvette Benitez, Tony Crimaud, Robert DeAngelis, Alexis Delk, Aretha Delk, Laurie Francois, Marcia Gachinad, Katherine Lynn Lopez, June Margolin, James McGoldrick, Regina Robinson Davis, Ginette Rows, Lucien Saint Cyr, and Laci Satterfield-Wright; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate 14 individuals from New York State Senate District No. 5 upon the occasion of their Graduation from the Huntington Parent Leadership Initiative on June 16, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned graduates.