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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Annual Huntington Arts Council's Summer Arts Festival on June 27, 2015

WHEREAS, The arts, in whatever form depicted, are central to human expression; they are truly a universal language and their contribution to the development of friendship and understanding among all peoples cannot be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Annual Huntington Arts Council's Summer Arts Festival, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1963, the Huntington Arts Council is the official arts coordinating agency of the Town of Huntington and serves as the primary regrating agency in Suffolk County for the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA); and

WHEREAS, The Huntington Arts Council promotes arts and culture generated by local artists to the children and to the citizens of Long Island; this vital organization works to enrich the cultural, social and economic life of the community by nurturing the professional development of artists, and by providing timely news and events via ARTS CULTURAL NEWS; and

WHEREAS, The Huntington Arts Council's Arts-in-Education program reaches 35,000 children annually through its partner school districts; it also offers artistic programs and services to more than 100 cultural organization members who encompass the broad spectrum of arts disciplines; and

WHEREAS, The arts are an important reason why Long Island is increasingly recognized as a great place to live, work and conduct business;

the arts generate jobs and wages, millions in annual direct spending, and millions more in terms of indirect spending by people drawn to attend cultural events in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Huntington Arts Council plays a leading role in sustaining the economic benefits of the arts through its promotion of activities and events in its community; creating a vibrant, energized, and culturally rich society; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Huntington Arts Council has inspired and aided the growth of hundreds of art organizations and individual artists now flourishing across Long Island; the Council celebrates the diversity of Long Island's cultural resources through sponsored activities, programs and publications which advocate cultural awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Annual Huntington Arts Council's Summer Arts Festival on June 27, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Board of Directors, Huntington Arts Council.