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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Albert Wisner Public Library upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Best Small Library in America by the LIBRARY JOURNAL

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York is reflective of certain exemplary institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Albert Wisner Public Library upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Best Small Library in America by the LIBRARY JOURNAL, one of the oldest trade publications of the library community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Director Rosemary Cooper, the Albert Wisner Public Library is the first library in New York State to receive this esteemed honor; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, comes with a substantial cash prize, and is conferred once a year to libraries serving populations of less than 25,000 people; and

WHEREAS, The LIBRARY JOURNAL proudly recognized the Albert Wisner Public Library, in Warwick, New York, for its modernization efforts, leadership in transforming its community, its engaged public, and the creative acquisition and introduction of technology and programming to serve varying needs of its patrons; and

WHEREAS, The Albert Wisner Public Library, which serves 23,647 residents, is widely recognized as Warwick's center for low-cost or free entertainment and activities such as Art Matters, featuring an artist of the month, the Warwick Children's Book Festival, the Warwick Cafe Read-

ing Project, and the Acting for a Change Senior Improv Acting Group; and

WHEREAS, The sparkling success enjoyed by the Albert Wisner Public Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of the many individuals

who have supported the development of the library over the years; and

WHEREAS, Equally commendable are the Albert Wisner Public Library's superbly skilled staff, whose involvement is and has always been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all of their efforts on behalf of the library and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Albert Wisner Public Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth, as it looks forward to continuing to serve the educational, cultural and intellectual needs of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Albert Wisner Public Library upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Best Small Library in America by the LIBRARY JOURNAL; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rosemary Cooper, Director, Albert Wisner Public Library.