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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sharon Frost upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Long Island Farm Bureau Citizen Award on April 1, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sharon Frost upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Long Island Farm Bureau Citizen Award, to be celebrated at its 98th Annual Awards Gala on Friday, April 1, 2016, at The Riverhead Polish Hall, Riverhead, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Sharon Frost began serving as a Soil Technician with Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and WHEREAS, Known for her unremitting and steadfast dedication to Long Island agriculture, Sharon Frost has been instrumental in organizing the successful fuel tank replacement program which demonstrates an acceptable solution to aging agricultural fuel tanks atop Long Island's sole source aguifer; and

WHEREAS, Through this unique partnership, farmers were able to install new tanks which met regulatory requirements at a great reduction in cost, saving farmers more than a million dollars on an industry level; this important program replaced 185 fuel tanks on 110 farms in Suffolk over a 3-year period; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this remarkable woman realized that farmers required additional fuel storage capacity for farm production and,

consequently, worked with the county to increase storage from 250 gallons to 1000 gallons for farm use; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sharon Frost was preemptive in her efforts to assist farmers in becoming compliant prior to inspections and personally attended all health department inspections on farms to ensure success; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sharon Frost has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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 Sharon Frost upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Long Island Farm Bureau Citizen Award on April 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sharon Frost.