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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Superintendent James W. Polansky upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency

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 commend Superintendent James W. Polansky upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency to be celebrated at its Hall of Honor Cocktail Party and Dinner held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at the Woodbury Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Tri Community and Youth Agency is a private, not-for-profit community based agency dedicated to supporting the growth and development of youth and their families in the communities of Huntington, South Huntington and Cold Spring Harbor; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, the Tri Community and Youth Agency has provided a wide variety of educational, recreational, social, cultural, athletic, counseling and advocacy programs, and worked closely with businesses, school districts, law enforcement, community groups, government agencies and other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, James W. Polansky has earned New York State teaching and administrative certificates in the areas of Business and Distributive Education, Mathematics, Earth Science, Chemistry, Biology, and School Administration; and

WHEREAS, After beginning his career as an educator at the Old Westbury School of The Holy Child in 1990, James W. Polansky accepted a position at Syosset High School where he taught Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science, and coached multiple boys and girls interscholastic athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, James W. Polansky became the K-12 Director of Science and Technology in the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District; two years later, he was appointed Assistant Principal of Walt Whitman High School; and

WHEREAS, After achieving much success in his role as Assistant Principal, James W. Polansky was promoted to the position of Principal; he continued to excel in his duties, and was recognized as the 2010 SAANYS New York State Principal of the Year; he was also appointed Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and District Services in the South Huntington School District; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2011, this esteemed educational leader became Superintendent of the Huntington Union Free School District; since that day, he has dedicated himself to serving the needs of his students, and continues to work tirelessly from the early morning to late at night at his district office; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent James W. Polansky has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he currently serves as President of Section XI, Suffolk County's interscholastic athletic governing organization; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Superintendent James W. Polansky has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of nearly 25 years, Alyssa, and their two children, Adam and Lauren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of students and teachers which Superintendent James W. Polansky has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Superintendent James W. Polansky upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James W. Polansky, Superintendent, Huntington Union Free School District.