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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Paula Whitman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Education Foundation on April 15, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Paula Whitman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Education Foundation, to be celebrated with a Gala on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Village Club of Sands Point; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Port Washington since 1998, Paula Whitman has been an active volunteer in support of the Port Washington schools since she settled in the community nearly 20 years ago; she served on the Executive Board of the Guggenheim PTA and, when the South Salem Elementary School reopened in 2003, she helped establish its HSA as the first Co-President; and

WHEREAS, Paula Whitman went on to become President of the Weber HSA as well as President of Parents' Council; she served on the school district's Safety and Substance Abuse Task Force, and has been a trustee on the board of the Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed woman is on the board of Reading Dream, a non-profit organization which delivers books to underserved populations all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Paula Whitman, the current President of the Education Foundation, joined the board of this vital organization in 2010; she has held the positions of Vice President of Development and Executive Vice President, chairing numerous fundraisers in those roles, and was named President in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Paula Whitman, the Education Foundation exceeded the one million dollar mark in donations to the Port Washington schools; and

WHEREAS; A graduate of Northwestern University, Paula Whitman earned a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance before receiving her Master's degree in Education in Secondary English from Johns Hopkins University; she teaches piano to aspiring musicians of all ages within the Port Washington community, and recently started PW Essays, a business advising students on their college applications; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Rob, and their two daughters, Hallie and Lauren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Paula Whitman has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Paula Whitman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Education Foundation on April 15, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paula Whitman.