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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jennifer Rimmer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the communities of New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who 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

Jennifer Rimmer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington to be celebrated at its Annual Gala Dinner on Friday, April 8, 2016, at Leonard's of Great Neck in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1968, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington has been dedicated to creating a strong, unified and sustainable community in Port Washington, New York, and its surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Each year, at its Annual Gala, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington proudly honors those individuals who have worked to support its mission of helping to make Port Washington an outstanding community in which to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Rimmer received her bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster and completed her Master of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Jennifer Rimmer holds the esteemed position of Director of Strategic Initiatives and Sustainability for AECOM, a Fortune 500 global integrated infrastructure firm; and

WHEREAS, As the first Sustainability Officer in New York State, this exceptional woman has been a leading voice for sustainability, planning

and economic development in Port Washington and the New York region; she has also held senior positions at Sustainable Long Island, Nassau County and New York State's Empire State Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Since moving to Port Washington two decades ago, Jennifer Rimmer has been an integral part of the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington organization; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Jennifer Rimmer has risen through the ranks from her beginnings as a volunteer to serving in the esteemed position of Executive Director from 2000-2007; since 2007, she has been a board member and chairs the Model Blocks committee; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious tenure at Residents, Jennifer Rimmer has led many important projects benefitting the environment and quality of life in Port Washington, including the establishment of the Baywalk and the creation of the Port elementary schools' environmental education programs; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was also involved in the Port Washington visioning process, and the passage of the Main Street overlay zoning and Main Street revitalization initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous honors for her outstanding service, Jennifer Rimmer joined the Women's Roll of Honor for the Town of North Hempstead in 2004, and was recognized as a Trailblazer by Nassau County; she also received New York State's Woman of Distinction Award and Diamond Award from American Council of Engineering Companies; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Rimmer has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she serves on the boards of the Village of Flower Hill Planning Board, HorseAbility, and the Long Island Chapter

of the League of Conservation Voters and co-chairs ULI's Infrastructure Council; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, David, and their two daughters Amy and Caroline, all of whom feel privileged to be a part

of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jennifer Rimmer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jennifer Rimmer.