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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jack Zemel upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education on June 9, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jack Zemel upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at The Watermill Restaurant, Smithtown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Suffolk Association for Continuing Community Education (SACCE) was founded to promote lifelong learning opportunities for adults within Suffolk County and beyond the county's borders; its purpose is to advance adult education as a vital factor in adult growth, development and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, Through the sharing of resources and ideas with colleagues in the Nassau Association, and under the umbrella of the New York State Association, SACCE strives to increase the recognition of and respect for continuing community education and its professionals; in addition, it is the goal of the organization to exercise leadership in the advocacy of adult community and continuing education at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Jack Zemel earned his Bachelor's degree in Business and Tech-

nology in Las Vegas; while a student, he enjoyed learning about Nevada's culture and history and hitting the links; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Jack Zemel started working at the family business, Mr. Barbeque, where he honed his culinary skills and practical business experience; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Jack Zemel accepted a position at Western Suffolk BOCES, where he competently covered assignments in its Literacy Programs, and worked with other BOCES in their technology programs; and

WHEREAS, A compassionate and patient teacher, Jack Zemel worked with the United Cerebral Palsy population at Dix Hills, teaching them about technology and various computer applications; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated instructor who inspires his students in their education endeavors and life goals, Jack Zemel then went on to teach English and life skills at the United Cerebral Palsy Facility; in addition, he taught CSEA employees basic Word and Excel skills necessary for success in today's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Jack Zemel has been a dedicated and hardworking educator, providing a learning environment where students gather to not only be educated in literacy, community activities and job skills, but also to become part of a caring and nurturing family; and

WHEREAS, When he is not working, Jack Zemel loves spending time with his family as well as cooking, baking and relaxing at the beach; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Jack Zemel provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Jack Zemel has clearly had an enduring impact on the students of Eastern Suffolk BOCES and the community at large, and accordingly

merits recognition and applause for many impressive years of dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the

efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jack Zemel upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award by the Suffolk Association for Continuing and Community Education on June 9, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack Zemel.