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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dianne Tomasello upon the occasion of her 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 Dianne Tomasello upon the occasion of her 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, A dedicated instructor who inspires her students in their

education endeavors and life goals, Dianne Tomasello began her illustrious career in 1997, teaching Pre-Kindergarten as well as grades three and four; she then moved to middle school and taught seventh and eighth grade social studies; and

WHEREAS, After taking a year off to start her family, Dianne Tomasello applied to the Smithtown Literacy Program in September of 2005; with the guidance of a colleague, she became interested in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, and began teaching in the evening program; and

WHEREAS, In October of 2013, Dianne Tomasello was hired by Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the day ESL Program in Brentwood, New York; throughout her tenure, she 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, Educators like Dianne Tomasello 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, Dianne Tomasello 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 Dianne Tomasello upon the occasion of her 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 Dianne Tomasello.