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Senate Resolution No. 3930

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of Residents  
for a More Beautiful Port Washington on March 16,  
2018

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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington to be celebrated at a Gala on Friday, March 16, 2018, at Leonard's Palozzo in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, a small group of concerned citizens gathered over coffee to discuss the state of the Port Washington community; by the end of their meeting, they decided to organize into an environmental action group and focus on improving the quality of life in their community, educate its residents about the environment and its impact on health, and develop policy and planning initiatives; and

WHEREAS, For the next 15 years, with no office space or staff and

very little money, the group met monthly in each other's homes to talk about issues, and take affirmative steps to understand and resolve them through community-wide preservation projects and educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Through the last five decades, more and more people have joined in the venture to protect Port Washington; numerous individuals, families and businesses are truly dedicated to helping this vital organization realize its mission of environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington has accomplished many goals and diligently strives to improve and strengthen its educational programs, smart growth initiatives, advocacy campaigns and beautification efforts in and around Port Washington; and

WHEREAS, The success of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington is in direct correlation to the efforts of Executive Director Mindy Germain and her staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts of organizations such as Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington which work tirelessly on behalf of protecting our natural surroundings for the benefit of present and future generations of New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington on March 16, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mindy Germain, Executive Director, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington.