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Senate Resolution No. 4808

BY: Senator HANNON

HONORING Suzie and Robert Alvey upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Garden City Historical Society on May 3, 2018

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Suzie and Robert Alvey have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Suzie and Robert Alvey upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Garden City Historical Society, to be celebrated with a Gala on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at The Cherry Valley Club, Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Garden City since 1955, Suzie Alvey graduated from SUNY Albany with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art with minors in English and Education; and

WHEREAS, Originally appointed Garden City village historian by Mayor John Watras in 2013, Suzie Alvey currently serves as assistant

historian; in this capacity, she presents talks on various aspects of Garden City history, collects worthy items for the Garden City Village Archives, answers questions from residents and researchers, and photographs local events and historic structures; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her role as assistant historian, Suzie Alvey recently retired as a Trustee of the Historical Society, a position she has held since 2011; she has also served as director of the Garden City Bird Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, Suzie Alvey has written more than 260 articles for the Pastel Journal, Garden City News, Garden City Life, Patch.com and several series such as "History Mystery Houses," "My History House," "Art and Music Now," "Top Reasons to Live in Garden City," and "Garden City Memorials"; and

WHEREAS, A freelance artist for over 30 years, Suzie Alvey works in oil, pastel and watercolor, creating portraits and landscapes; her paintings and drawings are in many private collections throughout the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Suzie Alvey was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award by former President Barack Obama for her extraordinary charity work, highlighting her volunteer service in the areas of history and the environment, as well as her work with the Garden City Community Church, four art leagues and other charities; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Garden City High School, Robert Alvey has served on the Garden City Environmental Advisory Board for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Alvey founded the Garden City Bird Sanctuary, where

he devoted an additional 10 years and more than 20,000 hours to the development and use of a Nassau County storm water basin for community and environmental benefit; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, at the Bird Sanctuary, he sponsored over three dozen scouts for their Eagle and Gold Award projects; and

WHEREAS, Robert Alvey has also given tirelessly of his time to the Garden City Community Theatre where he enjoyed acting for over 15 years in their original musical comedies; and

WHEREAS, A professional scientist with degrees in geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Robert Alvey has worked as a research scientist for Brooklyn Union Gas, completed a year-long assignment in Saudi Arabia as consultant to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and has spent the last two decades as senior geologist with the USEPA Superfund Division in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Robert Alvey has also served on an EPA task force regarding the extensive Grumman-Navy groundwater contamination concerns in Bethpage, and as co-chair for the EPA's Groundwater Forum of hydrogeologic experts; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man is currently a board member with the New York State Consulting Professional Geologists, which was instrumental in the passage of a New York State Professional Geologist Licensing Act in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Known for his unique creativity, his offbeat humor as a Mark Twain impersonator, his love of frogs and his creative writing, Robert Alvey is also a tree enthusiast and a member of the New York State Urban Forestry Council; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Suzie and Robert Alvey have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their three daughters, Alexis, Erin and K.C., who have all shown them love and support and rejoice in their many 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Suzie and Robert Alvey upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Garden City Historical Society on May 3, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Suzie and Robert Alvey.