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Assembly Resolution No. 1232

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COMMENDING the Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Eastern Long Island Mini Maker Faire on June 9, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Eastern Long Island Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, June 9, 2018, in Port Jefferson, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering (formerly known as the Maritime Explorium) was launched in 2004 by a consortium of scientists, educators and entrepreneurial residents seeking to provide a rich educational STEAM experience to the Long Island and NY metro area community; in May of 2005, the Long Island Explorium was designated as a not-for-profit organization and was chartered with the New York State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering is widely recognized as Long Island's Family Maker Space, a place for families to play, create, build and grow together; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering continues to expand its programming to include professional teacher development and training to meet the goals of the Next Generation Science Standards in New York State; in addition, the Long Island Explorium is a New York State certified provider of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) credits; and

WHEREAS, The Explorium's Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do; from engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments and projects; and

WHEREAS, The Maker Faire is part of the larger Maker Faire brand associated with the Faires in New York City, The Bay Area, Berlin, Barcelona and other Maker Faires throughout the world that celebrate creativity and innovation in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math; and

WHEREAS, Last year, more than 100 Makers and 2000 participants of all ages experienced innovative robots, kinetic and interactive art, fire sculptures, explored the ocean through virtual reality and many more cutting edge creative experiences through hands-on, minds-on exhibits and performances at the Maritime Explorium and the neighboring Village Center and Harborfront Park; and

WHEREAS, For the last 14 years, the Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering has strived to be a leader in STEAM education, learning and innovation that will shape the intellect, social

values and principles of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The expert staff of the Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering, are and always have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence, and accordingly merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering upon the occasion of hosting its 3rd Annual Eastern Long Island Mini Maker Faire on June 9, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Long Island Explorium Children's Museum of Science & Engineering.