

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kathy Munsch upon the occasion of her designation as a 2013 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguish themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathy Munsch upon the occasion of her designation as a 2013 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 34th Annual Achievers' Awards Gala, to be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, For more than thirty-five years, the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women has been dedicated to advancing women in business, industry and the professions; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women celebrates and honors women who are leaders, mentors and who have opened doors for other women to help foster their rise in business, the professions and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Munsch is Vice President of the American Heart Association; she began her tenure at the Association in 2000 as a Senior Regional Director and was later promoted to Regional Vice President; and

WHEREAS, In her responsibilities as Vice President of the American Heart Association, Kathy Munsch manages its Long Island office, the Long Island Board of Directors, a development staff, and coordinates the integration of her development staff with other departments in the Founder Affiliate such as communications, quality improvement initiatives and professional education; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the American Heart Association, Kathy Munsch was Executive Director for a grass roots breast cancer organization, raising money for education and awareness for Long Island women; she began her career with not-for-profits working for ten years at the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, starting as its supervising paralegal and then becoming events manager; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Munsch's leadership has resulted in more than 2,000 companies on Long Island participating in National Wear Red Day, a component of the Go Red for Women Movement, educating women by raising their awareness of cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, Among her many professional memberships and affiliations, Kathy Munsch is past Executive Vice President on the Board of Directors for the Long Island Women's Agenda, and past board member for The Long Island Fund for Women and Girls, and a past committee member of the LI Fund's Annual Achievers Breakfast committee; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Munsch also serves on the Board of Directors, Long Island Chapter for the Association of Fundraising Professionals and its program committee; she is a member of Action Long Island and serves on its Healthcare Task Force; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kathy Munsch has received the Community Outreach Healthcare Heroes Award presented by LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS in recognition of exceptional dedication, commitment and contributions to the quality of health care on Long Island; she also received the Women

Making a Difference Award from the Soroptomist Society of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Munsch received the Long Island Women of Distinction Award from the LONG ISLAND PRESS - FORTUNE 52 and was named one of Long Island's Top 50 Women by LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Adelphi University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management, Kathy Munsch also holds an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies from Nassau Community College; and

WHEREAS, A resident of East Meadow, New York, with her husband, Paul, Kathy Munsch has two grown children and two beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Kathy Munsch; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathy Munsch upon the occasion of her designation as a 2013 Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women Achiever; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathy Munsch.