LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Danilo Aviles upon the occasion of his designation by the Harvard Club of Long Island as a Distinguished Teacher of 2013

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Danilo Aviles upon the occasion of his designation by the Harvard Club of Long Island as a Distinguished Teacher of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mineola resident Danilo Aviles has been named a Distinguished Teacher of 2013 by the Harvard Club of Long Island; he was honored at the Harvard Club of Long Island's Annual University Relations Lunch held on April 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Harvard Club of Long Island's awards recognize people who transform the future; dedicated teachers such as Danilo Aviles expend unfathomable amounts of time and energy on their students day after day and year after year; and

WHEREAS, Danilo Aviles, who has taught at Wantagh High School (WHS) for eight years, teaches High School Baud, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pit Band and Percussion Ensemble; he also designs marching field shows and composes original percussion works for the Percussion Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, Danilo Aviles earned a bachelor's degree in music performance from Brooklyn College and a master's degree in music education from Hofstra University after touring with the Chico Freeman Band to Lithuania and Spain; and

WHEREAS, Since he began teaching at Wantagh High School, Danilo Aviles has composed eight original compositions for the WHS Percussion Ensemble and has custom designed seven field shows for the WHS Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, Danilo Aviles is, in addition, the founder and captain of the more than 150 member Mineola Bike Club; he is a key member of the club's racing team and is nationally ranked in second place in his category; and

WHEREAS, Danilo Aviles has made a huge difference at Wantagh High School by enriching students' lives and helping them grow through music; and

WHEREAS, Danilo Aviles truly merits recognition by the Harvard Club of Long Island as a Distinguished Teacher of 2013; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Danilo Aviles upon the occasion of his designation by the Harvard Club of Long Island as a Distinguished Teacher of 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Danilo Aviles.