

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lou Howard upon the occasion of his selection as the inaugural inductee of the Farmingdale State College Aviation Hall of Fame, on December 19, 2012

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of the Empire State, there have emerged certain public servants of truly magnanimous conduct and bearing; we call these individuals "distinguished citizens" of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend such a distinguished public servant, Lou Howard, upon the occasion of his selection as the inaugural inductee of the Farmingdale State College Aviation Hall of Fame; he was honored at an inauguration ceremony held on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at the Aviation Flight Center, Farmingdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Farmingdale State College Aviation Hall of Fame was established in August 2012 to honor members of the college community for outstanding achievement in aviation, and for service, dedication and commitment to the Farmingdale State College aviation program or the local aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, Lou Howard is Professor Emeritus and retired Chairman of the Aerospace Technology Department at Farmingdale State College; and

WHEREAS, One of the pioneers of what was known as the Department of Aerospace in 1969, Lou Howard is credited with ensuring the development and success of the then fledgling program, which began with just three planes and today boasts a fleet of 23 planes, two flight simulators and a 19,000-square-foot Aviation Center at Republic Airport consisting of classrooms, aircraft and engine labs, flight operations and briefing rooms, an aircraft hangar and faculty offices; and

WHEREAS, Lou Howard is widely respected for his expertise; he wrote an early textbook designed to teach pilots how to fly using instrument landing systems and was appointed to serve on a federal advisory to help design the first space shuttle for NASA; to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's famous transatlantic flight, he retraced the flight, landing in Le Bourget field outside Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, Formerly a member of the New York State Assembly, and a Presiding Officer and member of the Suffolk County Legislature, Lou Howard was also Mayor of the Village of Amityville; and

WHEREAS, Lou Howard's extraordinary public service extended to the field of education; he was a teacher at Amityville High School, and served as its head football coach, coaching nine straight championship teams; and

WHEREAS, Lou Howard was appointed to the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees in 1997 and served as a member for six years; he is currently on the College Council at SUNY Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, Former publisher and owner of THE AMITYVILLE RECORD and THE SUFFOLK COUNTY NEWS, Lou Howard is the author of five books and numerous technical articles and is well known as a motivational speaker; and

WHEREAS, His achievements of in-depth magnitude have earned him numerous accolades; he has been named to six Halls of Fame, including the Long Island Sports Hall of Fame, the Springfield College Athletic Hall of Fame, and National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Coach; he was named, also, as one of the Town of Babylon's ten most influential people of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Lou Howard received a Bachelor of Science degree from Springfield College, a Master's degree from New York University, a Certificate of Advanced Study from Hofstra University, and a PhD from Western Colorado University; in addition, he served his country for four years in

the United States Army Air Corps and holds numerous advanced flying

ratings; and

WHEREAS, During the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Lou Howard has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 64 years, Margaret, their seven children and their spouses, as well as twenty grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lou Howard upon the occasion of his selection as the inaugural inductee of the Farmingdale State College Aviation Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lou Howard.