

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Branson Sparks upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Friends of Sands Point Preserve Preservers' Award of Distinction at its Gold Gala on May 4, 2013

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Branson Sparks upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Friends of Sands Point Preserve Preservers' Award of Distinction at its Gold Gala, to be held at the Hempstead House on May 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 Awards of Distinction are being presented to outstanding medical students currently in their third year at Hofstra North Shore - LIJ School of Medicine; Branson Sparks is being recognized for his voluntary work at the Sands Point Preserve to help establish and maintain the Bee Apiary; he assisted in the development and presentation of the Bee-Whispering educational workshops and programs conducted at the preserve; and

WHEREAS, A native of Louisiana, Branson Sparks graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor's degree in economics; he subsequently completed Bryn Mawr College's post-baccalaureate pre-medical program and is currently a second-year medical student at the Hofstra North Shore - LIJ School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Branson Sparks is an avid musician, pilot, and skier; his academic interests include research; he has published in two papers on the genetics of autoimmune diseases and is currently involved in a research project concerning the treatment of seasonal allergies with natural honey; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to applaud Branson Sparks for, in addition to his many responsibilities and demands on his time as a medical student, making time to also do volunteer work at the Sands Point Preserve so visitors may enjoy it for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Branson Sparks upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of a Friends of Sands Point Preserve Preservers' Award of Distinction at its Gold Gala on May 4, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Branson Sparks.