

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Nancy Kheck, Ph.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Friends of Sands Point Preserve 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 Nancy Kheck, Ph.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Friends of Sands Point Preserve at its Gold Gala, to be held at the Hempstead House on May 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kheck immigrated to the United States in the summer of 1969 and entered the first grade a week later; a staunch supporter and advocate for New York City public schools, her history reflects the unlimited opportunities for children who are capable and aspire to higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kheck pursued the American dream at New York University and merged her interests in science (Biology and Chemistry) with a bachelor's degree in German Literature; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her doctoral training in Neuro-biology (research and education), Dr. Kheck taught undergraduate science courses and developed curricula and effective strategies for teaching undergraduate, M.A. and Ph.D. degree students and applied these skills as the director of the highly popular interdisciplinary graduate course in Neuropsychopharmacology (Drugs and the Brain); and

WHEREAS, Nancy Kheck's postdoctoral training at Mount Sinai Medical Center entailed a research fellowship studying chemo-architecture in primate brains; she worked with Dr. Patrick J. Gannon to create an innovative K-12 science education curriculum and public outreach about Space Biomedical research (NASA funded projects), which opened new doors in 2001, when Dr. Kheck was recruited to oversee basic science courses as Director of the Curriculum Division; she was subsequently appointed as an Assistant Dean in the School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, After nearly a decade on the school's education leadership team, working on programmatic reforms, accreditation, medical school expansion, continuous quality improvements, and overseeing operations of all courses, Dr. Kheck transitioned from academia to work as a medical/science education consultant; her projects range from Continuing Medical Education symposia, educator development and certificate programs, National Institutes of Health grant writing, design of STEM initiatives, and public outreach; and

WHEREAS, Last year, the pull of academic life brought her to the Zarb MBA program at Hofstra University and into an innovative new track dedicated to the healthcare industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kheck believes that the enactment of new health policy and laws under the Affordable Care Act will bring great change to healthcare practice and management, along with a concurrent need for professional development strategies to manage change in hospitals and training programs over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her many other responsibilities, Dr. Kheck is also an avid beekeeper and advocate for environmental conservation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Nancy Kheck, Ph.D. upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Friends of Sands Point Preserve at its Gold Gala, to be held at the Hempstead House on May 4, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nancy Kheck, Ph.D.

