LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Chestnut Street Elementary School, West Hempstead, New York, on May 16, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the children of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Chestnut Street Elementary School, West Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious milestone will be celebrated on Thursday, May 16, 2013, with a "Walk Down Memory Lane"; there will be old fashioned carnival games; music of the early 1900s; historical community exhibits; a time capsule creation; and a book swap, bring a book/take a book for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Chestnut Street Elementary School was built in 1912, and is the oldest of the buildings in the West Hempstead Union Free School District; and

WHEREAS, It began as a four-room schoolhouse with just 86 children until 1927, when the district added the back wing; two decades later, a front portion was constructed, which now serves as the district's administration building; and

WHEREAS, Chestnut Street Elementary School grounds consist of a base-ball field and a playground; and

WHEREAS, Today, Chestnut Street Elementary School, which closed in 1967 and reopened its doors in 2001, provides instruction to approximately 133 students, kindergarten through grade 2; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Building Principal Michelle Notti, Chestnut Street Elementary School is proudly aware of its distinguished past; eager to fulfill its commitment to parents, students and community; and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Chestnut Street Elementary School, West Hempstead, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michelle Notti, Building Principal, Chestnut Street Elementary School.