

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert McBride for 24 years of distinguished service to the Edward Smith Mineola Lions Club

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert McBride for 24 years of distinguished service to the Edward Smith Mineola Lions Club, to be celebrated on Thursday, May 30, 2013, at the North Hempstead Country Club in Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, This special event is also the Edward Smith Mineola Lions Club's Ninth Annual A Taste of the Grape Benefit which will support the organization's many charitable causes, including The Brookville Center for Children's Services (AHRC) Autism Program; and

WHEREAS, Robert McBride, a resident of Dix Hills, has been an exemplary member of the Edward Smith Mineola Lions Club for the past 24 years; and

WHEREAS, After earning his Business Administration degree from the State University of New York, his career began when he took possession of a small, New York-based ground transportation company in 1982; within 15 years, he turned it into the largest and most successful operation in the region; and

WHEREAS, Robert McBride sold the successful franchise in 2000, and today operates a company based in Denver, Colorado, distinguished for its environmentally friendly fleet of hybrid vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Robert McBride became Vice President of Park Strategies in 2003; he provides counsel in strategic and tactical areas of business development and public policy for clients in real estate, pharmaceuticals, investment banking, waste management, and health care; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Robert McBride is also recognized for his service to the community; he has served on the boards of The Leukemia Society, the Education and Assistance Corporation, and Long Island's United Way; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Robert McBride was awarded Citizen of the Year by the New York Grand Lodge Foundation Sons of Italy, as well as the Favorite Son Award from the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick Long Island; previous honors include recognitions from The Irish Americans in Government, Helen Keller Services for the Blind, and the National Center for the Furtherance of Jewish Education; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his loving wife Marion, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert McBride for 24 years of distinguished service to the Edward Smith Mineola Lions Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert McBride.