

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gail Hoag upon the occasion of her retirement from The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce after 15 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hoag has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gail Hoag upon the occasion of her retirement from The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce after 15 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hoag is retiring from The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest chambers in the metropolitan area, after 15 years serving in the esteemed position of Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, After receiving her bachelor's degree from Drew University, as well as her master's degree in English from Brown University, Gail Hoag taught English in Roxbury Township, before moving to Patchogue where she became a substitute teacher in the Patchogue-Medford School District; and

WHEREAS, During her last 15 years at the Patchogue Chamber, Gail Hoag introduced a computerized membership program, and oversaw the creation of the Chamber's first website; she established evening work meetings, and the Chamber's monthly newsletter; and

WHEREAS, The Brookhaven Town Office of Women's Services honored Gail Hoag in 2002 for her Outstanding Contribution in Business; during the same year, she was also named Woman of the Year by Patchogue-Medford Youth and Community Services; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Gail Hoag worked to create the Greater Patchogue Foundation, a charitable organization that works to advance, promote and improve the charitable, cultural, and educational virtues of the Greater Patchogue area; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hoag received the Paul Harris Fellow Award in 2009 from the Patchogue Rotary Club, and was Brookhaven Hospital's Women for Brookhaven Honoree in 2011; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, George, their two children, and six grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and in the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and career to the service of others; 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 Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gail Hoag upon the occasion of her retirement from The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce after 15 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Hoag.