LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 9th Annual Golf Classic, and honoring James T. Powers for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 9th Annual Golf Classic to be held Monday, August 5, 2013, at Indian Hills Country Club, Northport, New York; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc. will commend James T. Powers, AIA, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, James T. Powers is the Director of Operations and Business Development for Bohler Engineering, and has over 30 years of experience in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, His diversification ranges from heading Chase Manhattan Bank's architectural department, managing his own design/build firm, Wall Street Collaborative/Powers Collins Architects, founding the firms Franchise Consulting Services and JT Powers Development, and heading the business development efforts for professional firms; and

WHEREAS, Currently, James T. Powers is a Professor of Design and Construction Management at New York Institute of Technology; his work in the franchise business led him to not only design dozens of different franchise companies' prototypes, but also ran franchise companies themselves including Golden Krust; he expanded the company from 35 units to 125 units in his first year; and

WHEREAS, James T. Powers and his partners have also owned a number of restaurants; his career has allowed him to experience the A/E/C field from all angles which has allowed him to relate to all stakeholders, build consensuses and develop business in the best interest of all parties; and

WHEREAS, As a registered architect, James T. Powers is involved in many professional organizations, including the AIA, USGBC, and The Retail Network; and

WHEREAS, His philanthropic endeavors include being a Trustee of the Hockscher Museum, the AOH, President of the Crab Meadow Golf Club, and is currently the longest tenured President of the Townwide Fund of Huntington; and

WHEREAS, James T. Powers is the proud father of four children, James, Jackson, Jarrett, and Joanna, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 9th Annual Golf Classic, and honoring James T. Powers for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc., and James T. Powers.