

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Bayport-Blue Point Library of Blue Point, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across the great State of New York are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of institutions whose purpose is dedicated to serving the community and the needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Bayport-Blue Point Library of Blue Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Bayport-Blue Point Library is an important educational and cultural institution which has provided essential services to the residents of Blue Point and its surrounding communities for the past 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1938 as a Blue Point P.T.A. project, the Blue Point Public Library began with a collection of donated books; tradition has it that these books were gathered by wheelbarrow, now featured on the library's logo, from the homes of local residents; and

WHEREAS, The library's first home was a small room in the Blue Point School; later sites included part of the building now occupied by the Blue Point Liquor Store, a small house on the corner of Madison Street, now replaced by the dentist's office, and the Bennett House on Blue Point Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, a new building was constructed directly behind the Bennett House, which was subsequently torn down, following a debate about whether the new building should face Blue Point Avenue or Madison Street; and

WHEREAS, Now, 33 years later, the library has entrances on both streets; the present building, the result of two additions, is nearly three times the size of the 1957 building; and

WHEREAS, When the Bayport and Blue Point school districts joined forces in 1952, the library became the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library; until 1970, the library was staffed entirely by volunteers, one of the last all-volunteer libraries in the state; and

WHEREAS, The current character of the library owes much to those early volunteers, whose dedication and expertise laid a solid foundation for the book collection and the philosophy of community service; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Bayport-Blue Point Library has grown in size and sophistication; today it offers not only books, but videotapes, compact discs, and recorded books as well; and

WHEREAS, A well-staffed reference department, equipped with up-to-date computer communication, is able to retrieve from many sources outside the library walls; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are centers of learning and the cornerstones of community life; today the Bayport-Blue Point Library provides the full range of library services; and

WHEREAS, In addition, with its meeting rooms offering a broad range of public programs, the library has become a cultural center of rare quality for a community of its size, and one in which the local citizens can, and do, take great pride; and

WHEREAS, Through all its programs and endeavors, the Bayport-Blue Point Library has continuously expanded its services to meet the needs and challenges of its patrons and has become an ever more important educational, cultural, and community institution; and

WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by the Bayport-Blue Point Library is in direct correlation to the efforts of all those who have been instru-

mental in its establishment and development and to the superbly skilled staff, whose involvement is and has been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all their endeavors on behalf of the library and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, the Bayport-Blue Point Library may take just pride in its purposeful growth as it looks forward to continuing to provide exemplary service to the people of Bayport, Blue Point and Suffolk County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Bayport-Blue Point Library, noting the significance of the invaluable services it has provided, and will continue to provide, to those it so ably serves; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bayport-Blue Point Library.