

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Doris Kearns Goodwin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as a 2013 Gala Honoree by the Rockville Centre Education Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Doris Kearns Goodwin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as a 2013 Gala Honoree by the Rockville Centre Education Foundation to be celebrated at its Annual Gala on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Madison Theatre at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1991, the Rockville Centre Education Foundation has been enriching the classroom experience by funding grants to teachers for schools in Rockville's elementary, middle and high schools; and

WHEREAS, A Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and biographer, Doris Kearns Goodwin is the author of five best-selling biographies; her book TEAM OF RIVALS: THE POLITICAL GENIUS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN is the basis for Steven Spielberg's critically acclaimed film "Lincoln"; and

WHEREAS, WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR is Doris Kearns Goodwin's touching and best-selling memoir of growing up in Rockville Centre, in love with her neighborhood, family and baseball; and

WHEREAS, In WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR, Doris Kearns Goodwin introduces her readers to the two people who most influenced her early in life, the first being her mother, who taught her the joy of books, and the second being her father, who taught her the joy of baseball; and

WHEREAS, As an historian and political news analyst, Doris Kearns Goodwin frequently appears on national television offering keen historical perspective on political and current events; and

WHEREAS, Doris Kearns Goodwin, who began her academic career in the Rockville Centre school system, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Doris Kearns Goodwin earned her Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University, and has been a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and a White House Fellow; and

WHEREAS, With her nationally acclaimed writing accomplishments and her deep connections to Rockville Centre, Doris Kearns Goodwin is the quintessential selection for Gala Honoree; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Doris Kearns Goodwin upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition as a 2013 Gala Honoree by the Rockville Centre Education Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Doris Kearns Goodwin.