

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING Courtney Bynoe upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency on March 30, 2017

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Courtney Bynoe upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency to be celebrated at its Hall of Honor Cocktail Party and Dinner on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at the Woodbury Country Club in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Tri Community and Youth Agency is a private, not-for-profit community based agency dedicated to supporting the growth and development of youth and their families in the communities of Huntington, South Huntington and Cold Spring Harbor; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, the Tri Community and Youth Agency has provided a wide variety of educational, recreational, social, cultural, athletic, counseling and advocacy programs, and worked closely with businesses, school districts, law enforcement, community groups, government agencies and other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Bynoe earned her Bachelor of Business Management degree from Farmingdale State College; she furthered her education by obtaining her master's degree in Human Services Leadership from St. Joseph's College; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 23, Courtney Bynoe joined the staff of the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce in 2009; she was quickly promoted to the position of Membership Coordinator where she developed a strong background in forming collaborations with partner organizations; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Courtney Bynoe became the staff liaison to the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals Committee; in this position, she has been instrumental in procuring donations for local not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Bynoe was also a member of Business and Professional Woman (BPW) International where she served as President of BPW Suffolk as well as their Young BPW North America Representative; in this role, she traveled to both Italy and Puerto Rico to represent the region at international conferences; and

WHEREAS, Since June of 2016, Courtney Bynoe has served as the Associate Executive Director of the Chamber; in this capacity, she organizes and manages 70-plus events a year including four major fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Courtney Bynoe has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her community; after graduating from the Leadership Huntington program in 2013, she received its Outstanding Community Trustees Award the following year; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Courtney Bynoe was also named a Celebrate Long Island's Young Professionals Honoree, and in 2016, she was recognized as a Diversity in Business Honoree by the **Long Island Business News**, and a Hats off to Women Honoree by the Guardian Brain Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Courtney Bynoe is actively involved with many worthy organizations including School Business Partnership Long Island, the Huntington Historical Society, and the Joseph Toles Foundation; in addition, she helped create the Family and Children's Association; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Courtney Bynoe upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Tri Community and Youth Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Courtney Bynoe.