

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING Paul Chirichella upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club on April 22, 2018

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Paul Chirichella upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club to be celebrated at its 12th Annual Spring Benefit on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Centre Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club International is dedicated to being a global leader in both community and humanitarian service, empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs; and

WHEREAS, For 70 years, the Oyster Bay Lions Club has served the needs of its community, supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind, Lions Eye Bank for Long Island, and numerous other vital local causes; and

WHEREAS, For 33 years, Paul Chirichella has been a vital member of the Oyster Bay Lions Club; during this time, he served as President in 1994, and has held the title of Treasurer since 2003; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his Club and community, Paul Chirichella was the recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award; and

WHEREAS, Paul Chirichella and his family moved to Bayville, New York, in 1983; for 20 years, he was employed with the American Credit Indemnity Company in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Paul Chirichella opened a credit business in Oyster Bay; after 35 years, he decided to semi-retire, and closed the office; currently, he runs a small operation out of his home; and

WHEREAS, Known for his good nature and sense of humor, Paul Chirichella truly loves his community, and enjoys spending time with his cherished family; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of over 50 years,

Maryanne, their three children, Michele, Lisa and Paul, and their five grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Paul Chirichella upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club on April 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Chirichella.