

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING the India Association of Long Island upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on June 30, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the India Association of Long Island upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary to be celebrated at a Gala Luncheon on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to commemorating its 40th Anniversary, the India Association of Long Island (IALI) will honor highly distinguished Indian Americans for their accomplishments in various fields such as medicine, education, technology, business and community service; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1978, the IALI is a non-political, non-profit, cultural and secular community organization which represents and promotes the heritage of the people from the Indian sub-continent who now live on Long Island and its vicinity; and

WHEREAS, For four decades, the IALI has diligently worked to celebrate the culture and heritage of India through programs and educational and other activities which promote a better understanding of this nation's diversity and its rich traditions among the Indian-American population and the larger community of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the IALI acquired its own building for the use of various programs for its members and the community; and

WHEREAS, The IALI organizes year-round events like the Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance, the Spring Festival of Colors-Holi, India Fest and Diwali, the Festival of Lights in the Fall, and the summer picnic; and

WHEREAS, The members of the IALI collect food donations, and engage in various fundraising events to benefit numerous organizations; and

WHEREAS, With over 2,000 members, IALI is the largest and fastest growing Indian organization on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, The success of the IALI is in direct correlation to the efforts of its President Gunjan Rastogi, and her staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the India Association of Long Island upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on June 30, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gunjan Rastogi, President, India Association of Long Island.