

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING Victoria Siegel upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Saint Gertrude's Church on February 18, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Victoria Siegel upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Saint Gertrude's Church, to be celebrated at its Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at The Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Saint Gertrude's Church began as a mission church in 1905; two years later, a priest from St. Dominic's in Oyster Bay, New York, was assigned to lead the church during the summer months; today, the Church is home to parishioners from Bayville, Locust Valley, Centre Island, and Lattingtown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Siegel has been a devoted member of Saint Gertrude's Church for 50 years; she has held numerous leadership roles including President of the Rosary Guild, Lector, co-Chairperson of the Zeppole Booth at the Feast, and Chairperson of the Finance Board, the Parish Council, and the Plant Sale; and

WHEREAS, Well-respected by her neighbors, Victoria Siegel was elected to the esteemed role of Mayor of the Village of Bayville; in this capacity, she was a member of the New York Conference of Mayors Legislative and Environmental Committees; and

WHEREAS, A true public servant, this dynamic woman was also the Chairperson of the Bayville Planning Board, President of the Nassau County Village Officials Association, and President of Friends of Bayville Free Library; and

WHEREAS, Determined to make her community safer and healthier, Victoria Siegel was the co-Founder of the Community Response Team, Director of the Brittle Diabetes Foundation, Director of Concerned Citizens for Substance Abuse Prevention, and Chairperson of the Committee to Save Glen Cove Hospital, as well as a member of the Glen Cove Hospital Community Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Victoria Siegel served as a Den Mother for her son's Boy Scouts Troop, and was a reporter for the Locust Valley Leader; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her loving husband, Edwin;

two devoted sons, Michael (Debbie) and Stephen (Lisa); and two grandsons, Samuel and Jacob; all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Victoria Siegel has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Victoria Siegel upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Saint Gertrude's Church on February 18, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Victoria Siegel.