

BY: Senator HANNON

COMMENDING YES Community Counseling Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend YES Community Counseling Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary and paying tribute to this year's honorees to be celebrated at its 40th Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, YES Community Counseling Center is a community-based, non-profit organization that has been serving the residents of southeastern Nassau County since 1977, providing school-based social work, counseling, and drug and alcohol treatment as well as a wide variety of other services; and

WHEREAS, As an organization looking to make a difference, YES Community Counseling Center's goal is to increase awareness about personal and community issues, prevent and treat substance abuse, and promote healthy families and a safe community; to ensure this, they tend to those who are struggling with issues including domestic violence, chemical dependency, family conflict, sexual abuse, and marital and peer difficulties, as well as bereavement and health concerns; and

WHEREAS, In honor of its auspicious milestone, YES Community Counseling Center has chosen several outstanding members of the community to receive special recognition including Capital One Bank, Rene Fiechter, and the Genovese family; and

WHEREAS, Capital One Bank has been a partner with the Commerce Plaza program for over a decade, affording them the opportunity to transform the program for children throughout Long Island; due to this generous member, thousands of youths are better prepared and more financially literate due to the Bank's commitment to their vocational futures; and

WHEREAS, Rene Fiechter is the Assistant District Attorney and Director of Community Affairs within the Nassau County District Attorney's office; in his role as Chairperson for the Nassau County Heroin Prevention Task Force, he has worked tirelessly with both YES Community Counseling Center and the non-profit sector to develop and encourage others to act passionately and fearlessly to combat the current drug epidemic; and

WHEREAS, The Genovese family have been lifelong members of its community; Dolores and Anthony Genovese's volunteerism and charitable work serve as an inspiration to all who know and respect them; their son

Richard Genovese has worked with YES Community Counseling Center for many years, creating the Take Me Out to the Ballgame Foundation, making it possible for hundreds of children and families to experience joy and laughter; he also sponsored both YES Community Counseling Center's Breakfast with Santa and Christmas in April events and YES Community Counseling Center's food pantry; and

WHEREAS, Organizations and individuals, devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend YES Community Counseling Center upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to YES Community Counseling Center, Capital One Bank, Rene Fiechter and the Genovese family.