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COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of Youth Enrichment Services, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 the 30th Anniversary of Youth Enrichment Services to be celebrated at its Back to the Future Celebration, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees to be celebrated on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore, New York; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, Youth Enrichment Services will proudly pay tribute Dr. Sylvia Diaz, President of Suffolk Community College Foundation and Liz Mayott, Community Advocate for the integral role they have played in health as well as the well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, Youth Enrichment Services was founded in 1987, in the hamlet of West Islip, New York, with the mission of serving youth and their families while creating a safe and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Focusing on youth development and asset building, Youth Enrichment Services offers after school and summer programs, mentoring, work readiness, job placement, tutoring and substance abuse prevention; by providing opportunities to the youth to engage in the community and through life enhancing activities, they have reduced negative behavior such as gang involvement, violence, school drop outs and teenage pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Youth Enrichment Services has grown substantially by providing a wide variety of quality services for the most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Executive Director MaryAnn Pfeiffer, Youth Enrichment Services has developed close collaborations with many esteemed organizations and businesses; this has enabled them to provide programs which serve the needs of local families and communities, many of which have high needs and are uniquely diverse; and

WHEREAS, Youth Enrichment Services serves more than 7,000 youth and families in the Town of Islip communities and school districts annually; in 2016, Youth Enrichment Services expanded to open a New York State Office of Mental Health Outpatient Mental Health Clinic to serve children and youth up to the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Youth Enrichment Services (YES), and pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to MaryAnn Pfeiffer, Executive Director, Youth Enrichment Services.