

Senate Resolution No. 1954

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

HONORING Monica Alexandris-Miller posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Glen Cove Council of PTAs on March 5, 2022

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals, such as Monica Alexandris-Miller who upheld the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomized the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Monica Alexandris-Miller posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Glen Cove Council of PTAs to be celebrated at its annual Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club in Sea Cliff, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Glen Cove Council of PTAs honors members of its community who have been dedicated and committed to the community, schools, and children of Glen Cove, New York; Monica Alexandris-Miller was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rockville Center, New York, Monica Alexandris-Miller attended elementary school in Uniondale before moving to Hicksville, where she completed elementary, middle, and high school; and

WHEREAS, In a display of hard work and commitment, Monica Alexandris-Miller graduated high school in 1993 among the top five students in her class, during which time she was also a member of the Key Club, Yearbook Committee, Ecology Club, Peer Counseling, French Club, French Honors Society, National Honor Society, National Science Olympiad and Mock Trial; and

WHEREAS, Monica Alexandris-Miller graduated from Wesleyan University in 1997, receiving a bachelor's degree in Government; she later received a Master of Public Administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service in 2003, further proving her commitment to hard work and education; and

WHEREAS, While completing her collegiate studies, this extraordinary woman volunteered at a student listening service which helped students in need of working through difficult emotions and feelings, and co-directed a community service house which, at the time, was the largest donation drive on campus; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, gaining valuable leadership skills and work experience, Monica Alexandris-Miller held various internship positions during her undergraduate studies, working in the Supervisor's Office in the Town of Oyster Bay, the Children's Rights Council in Washington D.C., and the Families and Work Institute in New York City; while

pursuing her master's degree, she interned with the County Executive offices of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Monica Alexandris-Miller went on to work for the New York City Law Department along with other law offices, most notably, the Leeds, Morelli and Brown firm as a Civil Rights Paralegal working on a civil rights class action suit; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, she began her illustrious career with The Freelancers Union where she rose to a director-level position, the esteemed role which she officially retired from in 2015 to spend more time with her family and friends; the foundational goal of the Union is to provide affordable health insurance to freelance workers among other important services; and

WHEREAS, Monica and her beloved husband, Brett Miller, were united in marriage in 2005, and shortly thereafter moved to Glen Cove where they raised their three cherished daughters; and

WHEREAS, Always striving to strengthen her local community and schools, Monica Alexandris-Miller was a devoted and active member of the Glen Cove Council of PTAs where she was instrumental in the success of countless fundraisers and regularly attended board meetings; additionally, she ran for a seat on the Board of Education and was elected in 2017; she ran again in 2020, becoming President of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life of service, whether it be with active participation in clubs and organizations in high school and college, her work with government agencies and internships, volunteerism with non-profit organizations, or through her elected positions, Monica Alexandris-Miller never wavered in her commitment to the betterment of the people and places around her through community and public service; her intellect, compassion and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives she touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Monica Alexandris-Miller posthumously upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Glen Cove Council of PTAs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Monica Alexandris-Miller.