

BY: Senator KAPLAN

COMMENDING Curt Trinko upon the occasion of his designation as Citizen of the Year by the Community Chest of Port Washington

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 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 Curt Trinko upon the occasion of his designation as Citizen of the Year by the Community Chest of Port Washington, to be celebrated on Friday, June 3, 2022, at North Hempstead Beach Park, Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year since its inception, the Community Chest of Port Washington selects an extraordinary resident or organization as its Citizen of the Year; Curt Trinko is being recognized with this auspicious award for his lifetime of outstanding volunteer service to the Port Washington community; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in northern Wisconsin, Curt Trinko graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison before earning his law degree from New York University; he has been actively practicing law for 45 years and gained notoriety from an anti-trust action which reached the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Port Washington since 1978, Curt Trinko has been involved with Residents Forward, an organization dedicated to advancing the critical projects which make the Port Washington peninsula beautiful, sustainable, and resilient, for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, Serving as Residents Forward's Chairman for more than 20 years, Curt Trinko is a kind and compassionate leader who has given tirelessly of his time and energies fighting for the health, beauty and sustainability of his beloved community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing this vital organization with pro bono legal work for decades, Curt Trinko has participated in more than 100 neighborhood projects and beautification projects, fought a mass burn incinerator, worked to safely cap its landfill which he got declared a superfund site; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was instrumental in acquiring grants, creating countless environmental education programs, and advocating on behalf of the Town's land, water and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, A man of indomitable faith and dedication, Curt Trinko is

also active with Our Lady of Fatima Church where he is a member of the Buildings and Ground Committee, Gardening Committee and the Outreach Commission; he is also involved in the Religious Education program, serving as a Faith Partner to Confirmation students; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Curt Trinko has also served as a parent volunteer with the Port Washington Parent Resource Center, a board member with the New Salem Civic Association and as a Port Washington Landfill Citizen's Advisory Committee member; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Curt Trinko has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 commend Curt Trinko upon the occasion of his designation as Citizen of the Year by the Community Chest of Port Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Curt Trinko.