

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion upon the occasion of being inducted into the 28th Annual May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor by the Town of North Hempstead, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within this great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion upon the occasion of being inducted into the 28th Annual May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor by the Town of North Hempstead, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Since 1994, the Town of North Hempstead has honored women who have made a contribution to their community, or have accomplished a significant achievement through public or private efforts; Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion is one such woman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion has devoted her life to taking care of the children of her community; she has served as a Board of Education Trustee of the Mineola Union Free School District for the past seven years and as its Vice President for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, As a Spanish professor for the past 38 years, Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion brings a particular passion and joy to the district's dual language program which begins in Kindergarten; she can often be found in classrooms, visiting virtually and in-person, and fostering her love of being bilingual to the students with warmth and professionalism; she is also a strong proponent of sharing district-developed curriculum and programs with other communities within the Town of North Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion is also actively involved with the district's Special Education PTA (SEPTA) where she has served as an interpreter for Spanish-speaking families and diligently attends every meeting and fundraiser event; 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 the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion upon the occasion of being inducted into the 28th Annual May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor by

the Town of North Hempstead, in conjunction with the observance of Women's History Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion.