

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Karen Lipton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by RVC Blue Speaks on April 13, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those illustrious organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Karen Lipton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by RVC Blue Speaks on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the 6th Annual Light it Up Blue Gala for Autism, held at The Coral House in Baldwin, New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of RVC Blue Speaks is to promote awareness and acceptance of those affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder so that their quality of life is enhanced and their potential is fulfilled; a 2024 Gala Honoree, Karen Lipton works to change the conversation about Autism into action and progress; and

WHEREAS, The auspicious occasion of the Gala presents this esteemed opportunity for Karen Lipton and her husband Wayne Howard Lipton to also honor their late son, Adam who passed away in April of 2020; as a child, he was diagnosed with autistic tendencies and benefited greatly from the early intervention programs then available through the Rockville Centre Schools and Camp Anchor, however, tragically, he was seriously injured in an accident at the age of 10 and survived until the age of 37; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Queens, New York, Karen Lipton earned a B.A. from Hofstra University in 1976 and her J.D. from Hofstra Law School in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Building her career, Karen Lipton served as an Assistant District Attorney under the Honorable Denis Dillon for several years, before embarking on her journey to raise her three beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, During her years of active motherhood, Karen Lipton was active in the Parent-Teacher Association Council and Special Education Parent-Teacher Association for Rockville Centre Schools; having co-chaired the Foundation's fundraising efforts for a decade, she also served as a Board Member and President of the Rockville Centre Education Foundation, which is dedicated to enhancing the quality of public education by securing and providing financial resources for school enrichment; and

WHEREAS, Returning to the Office of the District Attorney in 2001, Karen Lipton served under the Honorable Kathleen Rice and as a Senior Assistant District Attorney for the Honorable Madeline Singas; she officially retired from the office in November of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Karen Lipton has always supported her community and temple, education, the arts, and healthcare; locally, she devotes her time and efforts to Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital, Molloy University, The South Shore Symphony, and the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Residing in Rockville Centre for over 44 years, Karen Lipton, and her husband, Wayne Howard Lipton, have been honored by various organizations, including the RVC Education Foundation, Molloy University, and Mt. Sinai South Nassau Hospital; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Wayne, their two children, Sarah and Alex, and their oldest son, Adam, who sadly passed in 2020, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Karen Lipton upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by RVC Blue Speaks on April 13, 2024, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karen Lipton.