

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Melissa Campanelli Williams upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Founder's Award by HEARTS of Port Washington on February 10, 2023

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of good individuals such as Melissa Campanelli Williams who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Melissa Campanelli Williams upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Founder's Award by HEARTS of Port Washington, to be celebrated at its Annual Red Party on Friday, February 10, 2023, at Polish American Hall, Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, HEARTS (Helping Enrich the Arts) of Port Washington is an independent, grassroots, not-for-profit community organization whose mission is to add meaningful value to children's lives by supporting, promoting, and enriching the arts in public schools and throughout the Port Washington community; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Campanelli Williams is the co-founder of the Women in Retail Leadership Circle, a members-only networking group that offers enterprise-level women in the retail industry a place to learn, connect and grow; she is also the brand and content director of the Retail and Travel Group at NAPCO Media; and

WHEREAS, Prior to these esteemed positions, Melissa Campanelli Williams spent ten years at DM News, where she first served as senior editor and then as deputy editor; and

WHEREAS, A leading expert in small business e-commerce, Melissa Campanelli Williams is the author of two books, **Entrepreneur Magazine's Open an Online Business in 10 Days** and **55 Surefire Internet Businesses You Can Start for Under \$5,000**; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Melissa Campanelli Williams serves on the advisory boards of Gifting Brands, the New York Fashion Tech Lab, and Intelligence Node; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Campanelli Williams grew up in Port Washington, and moved back to her hometown in 2015; since her return, she has devoted her time and energies to helping several arts organizations in the community, including the Port Summer Show where she was named co-president in 2021, and HEARTS of Port Washington where she has been on the Red Party committee since 2018 and volunteered with many PortFest events; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two children, Caroline and Christopher, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Melissa Campanelli Williams has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Melissa Campanelli Williams, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Melissa Campanelli Williams upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Founder's Award by HEARTS of Port Washington, 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 Melissa Campanelli Williams.