

Senate Resolution No. 751

BY: Senator MARTINS

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of the Sands Point Garden Club on, August 6, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Sands Point Garden Club, to be celebrated on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Sensory Garden at the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in Sands Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Sands Point Garden Club's mission is to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening and to promote better horticultural practices, civic beauty, and the conservation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Over its 75 years, the Sands Point Garden Club has led the way in securing the designation of Tree City USA in conjunction with the Village of Sands Point, observed Arbor Day each April by distributing saplings to the residents, by planting trees in the village, and hosted plantings, emphasizing native species, at the Village Hall and the Village Club of Sands Point; and

WHEREAS, Over 40 years ago, in partnership with the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) and with community members of Port Washington, the Sands Point Garden Club created a Sensory Garden on the campus, providing clients and staff with a fragrant and tactile oasis of plantings and trees; and

WHEREAS, In support of the local youth, the Sands Point Garden Club supported the planting of the Shakespeare Garden at the Paul D. Schreiber High School and established a scholarship for a graduating senior interested in horticulture, botany, and environmental science; and

WHEREAS, More recent programs implemented by the Sands Point Garden Club include: "Climate Change in New York State," "Beauty Run Rampant" (invasive species), as well as floral design and visits to Planting Fields and the Cornell Co-operative Extension in East Meadow, New York; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 75-year history, the Sands Point Garden Club has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Sands Point Garden Club is in direct

correlation to the efforts of President Fern Cohen, officers, and its dedicated members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, In light of its commitment, dedication and successful efforts, it is the custom of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Sands Point Garden Club; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Sands Point Garden Club, on August 6, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sands Point Garden Club.