

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert and Joanne Gaffney upon the occasion of being named Community Honorees by the Peconic Bay Medical Center

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Joanne Gaffney have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert and Joanne Gaffney upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition as Community Honorees by the Peconic Bay Medical Center to be celebrated at its Oscar Party at The Inn & Spa at East Wind, Wading River, New York, on Saturday, March 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gaffney was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended LaSalle Academy in New York City; he graduated from Fordham University School of Business in 1965 and Fordham University School of Law in 1969; and

WHEREAS, While in college he met Joanne DiDonato and they were married in 1966; upon graduation from Law School, Robert joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation and served as a Special Agent in Detroit and Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, After practicing law in Mineola and Port Jefferson, Robert Gaffney was elected to the New York State Assembly where he served from 1985 until he was elected Suffolk County's sixth County Executive in 1991; having served three terms as County Executive, he retired from public service and became a partner in the law firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein P.C. in Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Robert Gaffney was appointed President of Dowling College where he served until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Joanne Gaffney have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Since 2005, Robert and Joanne Gaffney have been involved with Peconic Bay Medical Center; Robert has been a loyal member of the Board of Directors and Joanne has been a compassionate volunteer; this remarkable couple remains active in many other noble community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Robert and Joanne Gaffney have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Joanne Gaffney are the proud parents of two daughters, Jennifer and Beth, and the loving grandparents of four grandchildren; all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; 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 honor Robert and Joanne Gaffney upon the occasion of being named Community Honorees by the Peconic Bay Medical Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert and Joanne Gaffney, Riverhead, New York.