LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Laura Powers-Swiggett upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Art League of Long Island

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Laura Powers-Swiggett upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Art League of Long Island, to be celebrated on Saturday, April 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This special event, "Artrageous 2011," will be held at Cold Spring Country Club in Huntington, New York; it will also celebrate the organization's 56th year of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Dartmouth College, Laura Powers-Swiggett has lived and painted on Long Island for most of her life; she took her first class at the Art League of Long Island (then the Huntington Township Art League) in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Laura Powers-Swiggett has exhibited widely on Long Island, including solo shows at the South Huntington and Cold Spring Harbor Libraries, as well as a four-woman show at Molloy College entitled "Women of Spirit"; her work has also been featured in AMERICAN ARTIST MAGAZINE; and

WHEREAS, At the invitation of Jeanie Tengelsen, Laura Powers-Swiggett joined the Art League's Board of Directors and served as a member of the Board; her board qualifications included Secretary as well as a member of the Executive, Development, Finance and Exhibition Committees; and

WHEREAS, Laura Powers-Swiggett was also involved with planning and organizing the activity for the Art League's first permanent home, the Elisabeth Livingston Center, and along with her husband, Brian, was a leadership contributor to the building campaign; now retired from the board, she continues to serve on ALLI's Exhibition Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her volunteer work at the Art League, Laura Powers-Swiggett has been a long-time advocate for children, adults and families challenged by mental illness and developmental disabilities; she was appointed to the New York State Regional Planning Group for Developmental Disabilities, and has for the past 20 years been a member of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of Nassau County; she recently completed a term as President, and continues to serve on their Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Brian, and their three children, Emily, Towny, and Peter, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Laura Powers-Swiggett's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Laura Powers-Swiggett upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Art League of Long Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laura Powers-Swiggett.