

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Evelyn Blose Holman upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2011 Bay Shore - Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend Dr. Evelyn Blose Holman upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2011 Bay Shore - Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holman, retiring Superintendent of the Bay Shore Union Free School District, truly merits this high honor, to be presented at the Eleventh Annual Bay Shore - Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner being hosted by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore and the Bay Shore Business Improvement District in her honor at Captain Bill's Restaurant in Bay Shore on Friday, April 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Upon her arrival in 1994, Dr. Holman set in place a new direction toward excellence in Bay Shore's schools; she instituted new programs and initiatives for student development including the International Baccalaureate program, full-day Kindergarten and pre-school programs, Naviance computer assistance for college preparation, and individual tutoring helping students prepare for writing their college entrance essays; and

WHEREAS, Significant achievements for which Dr. Holman may be credited include SAT scores rising above the State and national averages, Bay Shore Senior High School's recognition as a Suffolk County Human Rights High School, and the School District becoming a four-time winner of the National School Boards Association's MAGNA Award for its Annual Community Summit, School-Community Collaboration, Wellness Alliance and Bay Shore Senior High School's Multimedia Program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holman holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania's Indiana State College and M.Ed. and PH.D. degrees from the University of Maryland; she taught sixth grade through university level, wrote for and edited various publications, and has been a speaker at numerous local, State and national conferences; and

WHEREAS, Named three times to the Top 100 Superintendents in North America list, Dr. Holman has been a catalyst for change throughout her career in education; in Bay Shore, she hosted monthly meetings for community committees that solidified school and community initiatives, including the Bay Shore Schools Arts Education Fund, Business Advisory Board, and the nationally recognized Bay Shore School District Community Summit; and

WHEREAS, She has taught classes in Community Engagement at Hofstra University and Administration at the University of Maryland, and she mentors new Suffolk County school superintendents for BOCES; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holman's myriad awards and honors include the New York State Senate's Woman of the Year Award, the New York State United Teachers' Friend of Education Award, the Council of Administrators and Supervisors' Service Award; she received the New York State Alliance for Arts Education's and the New York State Council of School Superintendents' Leadership in Arts Education Award and she was elected to the Middle States Regional Council of the College Board; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, she received the Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities Educator of Excellence Award and the Maritime Museum's Outstanding Educator Award, was named one of Long

Island's Top 50 Women, and was honored at Hofstra University's Celebration of Suburban Diversity; and

WHEREAS, As a Fulbright China scholar who collects Chinese robes and textiles, Dr. Evelyn Holman has used her analytical skills to weave invaluable changes into the fabric of the Bay Shore schools and community; and

WHEREAS, Now as Dr. Holman completes her exemplary service as Superintendent of the Bay Shore Union Free School District, the Bay Shore community is proud to honor this remarkable educator for her 17 years of visionary leadership, her community activism and collaborative spirit, her commitment to excellence, and her advocacy for Bay Shore and Brightwaters; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and commend Dr. Evelyn Blöse Holman upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the 2011 Bay Shore - Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award at the Eleventh Annual Bay Shore - Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner on April 29, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Evelyn Blöse Holman.