

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ashima and Mike Narula upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Friends of Sands Point Preserve at its Seventh Annual Preservers' Celebration, Jewels of India on May 23, 2015

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ashima and Mike Narula upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Friends of Sands Point Preserve at its Seventh Annual Preservers' Celebration, Jewels of India, feted on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at the Hempstead House, Sands Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Friends of the Sands Point Preserve, a not-for-profit organization, was formed to help ensure the future of the Hempstead House/Gould-Guggenheim Estate in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization's mission is to preserve and protect this diverse property in a manner which will enhance its historic homes, vast green open spaces, beachfront, barns and stables, gardens, indigenous wildlife and miles of extraordinary trails; and

WHEREAS, Hempstead House or the Gould-Guggenheim Estate, is a large estate located in Sands Point, New York; the vast grounds contain two castle-like buildings, Hempstead House, the main house, and a smaller house, known as Castle Gould; and

WHEREAS, Long-time residents of Sands Point, Ashima and Mike Narula, the loving parents of three daughters, are devoted to the well-being of their community; and

WHEREAS, Born in India, Mike Narula immigrated to the United States in 1997; he holds the esteemed positions of Founder/President/CEO of Reliance Communications LLC, one of the largest United States distributors of wireless devices and related products; and

WHEREAS, Since 2012, Mike Narula has been a vital member of the Board of Directors of CTIA, The Wireless Association, and also serves on its Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2011 New York Award, Mike Narula supports numerous business and charitable organizations including the Mayor's Cup All-Scholastic Tennis Championships, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Hope Awards and Congressional Banquet, The Wireless Foundation, US-India Business Council, and the Friends Academy Annual Dinner and Auction, The Hauppauge Industrial Association, and New York & New Jersey Minority Suppliers Development Council, as well as American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Program; and

WHEREAS, An established architect with a passion for education, Ashima Narula holds the position of Chairwoman of Reliance Communications LLC; and

WHEREAS, After joining Modern Architects as a partner in 1999, Ashima Narula worked intensely on educational projects in India; she collaborated with His Holiness The Dalai Lama, designing and establishing the TCV Vocational Training Centre, helping destitute Tibetan children living in exile; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman served as lead architect for the Songsten Library, and designed projects for Primary School campuses, and the

Theological College University; throughout her tenure, Modern Architects has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Ashima Narula participates on the Board of Directors of the Mahatma Khushi Ram Public Library, a non-governmental organization co-founded by her grandfather in India in 1921; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Ashima Narula is an associate of the Indian Institute of Architects, a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and certified by the Council of Architecture in India; she is also an empanelled architect on the Board of Directors of EdCil India; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ashima and Mike Narula upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Friends of Sands Point Preserve at its Seventh Annual Preservers' Celebration, Jewels of India; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ashima and Mike Narula.