Senate Resolution No. 340

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by HEARTS Port Washington on February 7, 2025

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz, upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by HEARTS Port Washington, to be recognized at its Annual Red Party at the Polish American Hall in Port Washington, New York, on Friday, February 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, HEARTS (Helping Enrich the Arts of Port Washington) is an independent, grassroots not-for-profit 501(c)3 community organization whose mission is to add meaningful value to children's lives and our community by supporting, promoting, and enriching the arts in Port Washington and its public schools; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 2011, HEARTS has funded more than 180 grants district-wide, as well as scholarships for art and music students for college; the non-profit also provides interactive high-quality programming in theater, music, fine arts, creative writing, dance, and much more; and

WHEREAS, HEARTS has created PortFest, a community art and music festival celebrating arts in Port Washington, as well as Curtains Up, an after-school musical theater program for elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, The organization also created Dancing Classrooms, which is a partnership with the Creative Arts Department, HSA/PTAs, The Ed. Foundation, and the Port Washington Summer Music Program; and

WHEREAS, Since they settled in Port Washington in 1971, Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz have prioritized involvement with the community, and the arts have been an important focus of these efforts; and

WHEREAS, Susan Isaacs is the best-selling author of fifteen novels, including "Compromising Positions," "Almost Paradise," and "Bad, Bad Seymour Brown"; she has written two screenplays as well as a nonfiction work; as an active member of the literary community, she serves roles with many organizations, including Poets & Writers and Mystery Writers of America; and

WHEREAS, Elkan Abramowitz is a leading white-collar criminal defense lawyer who is experienced with civil and criminal matters in state and federal courts for individual and corporate clients; among the many roles he has assumed through the years, perhaps less known is his Screen

Actor Guild membership for cameo appearances in Susan Isaacs' movies; and

WHEREAS, More locally, Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz are enthusiastic supporters of the Port Washington Public Library, Landmark on Main Street, and of course, HEARTS; they are delighted that their children, Andy Abramowitz and Elizabeth Picciuto, and their families have become part of the Port Washington community as well; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the decades of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz have stood constant in dignity and good grace; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records this tribute to Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by HEARTS Port Washington on February 7, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz.