

## 2009-J1588

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Clark Gillies upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by Island Harvest on April 30, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Clark Gillies upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by Island Harvest on April 30, 2009; and

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, A resident of Dix Hills, New York, Clark Gillies has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, While demonstrating the true spirit of volunteerism, Clark Gillies has helped Island Harvest, the third largest food rescue organization in the United States, to serve as the bridge between those who have food and those who need it; and

WHEREAS, Island Harvest volunteers collect good surplus food from over 600 local restaurants, caterers, farms and other food-related businesses and distribute it to a network of close to 500 soup kitchens, food pantries and other places where those in need can access it; and

WHEREAS, An essential element of all societies, volunteerism provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Clark Gillies upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by Island Harvest on April 30, 2009, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Clark Gillies.