

3.) WHEREAS, Carl James, Head Custodian, will retire on June 30, 2014, after completing 54 years of dedicated and exceptional service during his time in the Riverhead Central School District; and

WHEREAS, in February 1960, Dwight Eisenhower was President, the U.S. won the gold medal for hockey at the Squaw Valley Olympics, four African American students began a sit-in at a segregated lunch counter in North Carolina, the Hollywood Walk of Fame was first dedicated, and in Riverhead, New York, a young man named Carl James began his career at Pulaski Street School, known at the time as Riverhead High School, a building he liked so much he never left; and

WHEREAS, in February 1960, Carl would fill up his car for 31 cents a gallon, he would spend 49 cents for a gallon of milk, 57 cents for a dozen eggs, and mail a letter for 4 cents; and

WHEREAS, while prices for gas have gone up 13 fold since then, what has not changed is Carl James' status as an excellent employee who takes pride in his work, showing that he is dependable, conscientious, caring and professional; maintaining positive relationships with staff, students, and community members; and showing that he is a gentleman who is always helpful and would go above and beyond to assist anyone; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Carl James, Head Custodian; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education takes great pleasure in recognizing Carl James, Head Custodian and, herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable effort and work he has done for the Riverhead Central School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of the Board and that copies be sent to Carl James to share with his family.