Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner Celebrate 295th Birthday of the William Miller House in Miller Place

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Farmingville, NY - On July 12th, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner joined the Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical society to celebrate the 295th birthday of the historic William Miller House located at 75 North Country Road in Miller Place. All in attendance were treated to a birthday cake made to resemble the Miller House, which was backed and decorated by Amy DeRosa. On display was a special photo presentation which told the history of the house from 1720 to present. Members of the society, some dressed in historical outfits, were on hand to discuss the house's rich history. Pictured from left are recording secretary of the Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society Edna Davis, Councilwoman Bonner, Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society President Gerard Mannarino and Supervisor Romaine.

"This is piece of history that we are lucky to have right in our community," said Supervisor Romaine. "I commend the Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society for their commitment to restore and preserve this landmark."

Councilwoman Bonner said, "The North Shore of Brookhaven has a rich history and the William Miller House is one of our most important landmarks. Thanks to the Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society, this beautiful home has been preserved and can be enjoyed by residents for years to come."

The original owner of the land on which the William Miller House was built, was William's grandfather, Andrew Miller Sr. Andrew was born in England (1632-1717) and immigrated to America with his family when he was eleven. He was a cooper in East Hampton until he came to the area called Old Mans around 1670. Andrew Miller purchased approximately 105 acres from Brookhaven Town and built his home near the pond. Andrew Sr. deeded his home lot in Old Mans to his son Andrew Jr. in 1709. Andrew Jr., who had built his own home, died in 1716.

The William Miller House was acquired by the Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society in 1979 from the estate of Harry Millard, the last lineal descendant of William Miller. The house consists of three sections: the middle room, built in 1720 is the original section, a second house that was attached to the west end of the house in 1750, and a third house that was brought to the site and added to the east end of the house in 1816. The Society restored the

house in the early 1980s. Listing on the National Register of Historic Places enabled the eventual preservation and restoration of the structure. The Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society maintains the 1720 William Miller House as a museum and the center for its many historically educational activities.

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