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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rabbi Kalman Freedman and Darren Schwartz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Kollel of South Fallsburg at the celebration of its 2nd Anniversary on July 5, 2009

WHEREAS, The quality and character of religious and community life in the State of New York are greatly enriched and substantially nourished by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for their faith and their heritage, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rabbi Kalman Freedman and Darren Schwartz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Kollel of South Fallsburg at its 2nd Anniversary Dinner, to be held at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson on Sunday, July 5, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Kollel of South Fallsburg is a community outreach project of the South Fallsburg Hebrew Association, which has, for more than 100 years, been a beacon for and focus of Jewish life in the Village of South Fallsburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, An initiative of Rabbi Yakov Barros and several Torah supporters, the Kollel of South Fallsburg, formed two years ago at the South Fallsburg Synagogue, has already changed people's lives through the opportunity it provides for adult education, advanced Torah study and outreach to the Jewish community, and through the reinvigorated warmth with which everyone who comes through the doors of the shul is

greeted; and

WHEREAS, As it joyously celebrates its 2nd Anniversary, the Kollel of South Fallsburg will proudly honor Rabbi Kalman Freedman and Darren Schwartz, dear friends and avid supporters of the Kollel and many other worthy Jewish organizations and causes; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Kalman Freedman is the Rosh Hakollel for the South Fallsburg Synagogue's morning program; his love of the members of his community, and his commitment to them, equal his love of Torah; he is an exceptional scholar, a true Talmud Chocham, and has been involved in numerous outreach activities in Sullivan County for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, Darren Schwartz is well-known as an astute businessman and a man of immense loving-kindness and extraordinary generosity; his enthusiasm for helping people is both contagious and genuine and his quiet way of doing so are greatly admired and highly respected by all those who know him, or know of him; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of their service to the Kollel of South Fallsburg and their community, Rabbi Kalman Freedman and Darren Schwartz have exhibited uncommon valor and wisdom; their involvement and leadership have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Rabbi Kalman Freedman and Darren Schwartz for their dedication

and commitment to their community and their heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Rabbi Kalman Freedman and Darren Schwartz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Kollel of South Fallsburg at the celebration of its 2nd Anniversary on July 5, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Kalman Freedman and Darren Schwartz.