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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. David Moskovits upon the occasion of being named Guest of Honor at the Yeshiva Kehilath Yakov Pupa Annual Dinner on January 25, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals and organizations of remarkable integrity and character who distinguish themselves in service to their faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. David Moskovits upon the occasion of being named Guest of Honor at the Yeshiva Kehilath Yakov Pupa Annual Dinner on January 25, 2009, at the Ateres Avrohom in Brooklyn, New York; 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, Dr. David Moskovits has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for this special honor; and

WHEREAS, Born in post-war Romania, Dr. David Moskovits experienced first-hand the oppressive reign of Communism and the dangers of anti-Semitism; his father was imprisoned by the government and he was beaten by other children and declared an "antisocial element" because of his commitment to his heritage; and

WHEREAS, After the Moskovits family escaped Eastern Europe in 1962, through the intervention and efforts of the Skulener Rebbe, Rabbi Eliezer Zusia Portugal, zt"l, Dr. David Moskovits began to rebuild his life; he applied himself to Torah studies and charitable projects, and eventually established D.C. Plastics, where he is currently the president; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, at the request of the present Skulener Rebbe, shli-ta, Dr. David Moskovits, along with Albert Reichmann, established the Endowment for Democracy in Eastern Europe, a non-profit charitable corporation that helped power the religious resurgence of Hungary's Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the time he devotes to the Endowment for Democracy in Eastern Europe, Dr. David Moskovits has served the Jewish Community in a variety of other functions; he is involved in the Restitution Committee of Agudath Israel, serves on the Executive Board of a national renowned organization called Chesed L'Avraham, and is active in a host of other organizations, including the National Conference of Hebrew Schools, the Association of Jewish Outreach Professionals, and the American Committee of Shaare Tzedek Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Moskovits has been the recipient of numerous awards from Jewish organizations, including Chesed L'Avrohom, Torah Umesorah, Kollel Shomrei Hachomos and the Viener Kehillah, and received the Renaissance Award from Agudath Israel World Organization, as well as the coveted Jerusalem Prize; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. David Moskovits has received citations of merit and awards from President Ronald Reagan and New York City Mayors David Dinkins and Rudolph Giuliani, and was a U.S. Presidential Award nominee, has been honored with Hungary's Humanitarian Award, the Budapest Prize from the Government of Hungary, the Batthany-Strathman Laszlo Award by the Hungarian Ministry of Health and was awarded the Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic by the President and Parliament of Hungary and was named "Socially Responsible Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Moskovits has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Dr. David Moskovits has

compiled an impressive record of civic and charitable service; he is an active member of numerous organizations, including the Opportunity Development Organization, the New York and New Jersey Minority Council, the National Conference of Hebrew Day Schools, the Association of Jewish Outreach Professionals, the American Committee of Shaare Tzedek Hospital, the New York State Department of Economic Development, the New York City Department of Business Services , the CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizens Participation, the Points of Lights Foundation, SIFE Students in Free Enterprise, the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation, the Agudath Israel World Organization Steering Committee and the Swiss Fund Advisory Committee for Needy Victims of the Holocaust/SHOA United Distribution Program, as well as serving as Chairman of United Community Services; 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to have this opportunity to express its highest admiration for Dr. David Moskovits and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. David Moskovits upon the occasion of being named Guest of Honor at the Yeshiva Kehilath Yakov Pupa Annual Dinner on January 25, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. David Moskovits.