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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Betty Grad-Gross upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the New Rochelle Council of Community Services on June 4, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Betty Grad-Gross upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the New Rochelle Council of Community Services at its Annual Luncheon on June 4, 2009, at The Davenport Club in New Rochelle, New York; and WHEREAS, A longtime resident of New Rochelle, New York, Betty Grad-Gross was born and raised in a small town in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin, where she majored in labor economics and graduated with highest honors; and WHEREAS, Betty Grad-Gross came to New York City to accept a fellowship at the Institute of Labor Relations at New York University; after living abroad for a year, she received a Master's degree in Public Administration; and WHEREAS, In 1953, Betty Grad-Gross moved to New Rochelle, New York, and became involved on the Board of the Roosevelt School PTA and became the president of the PTA at Beth El Synagogue when her two children entered school; and WHEREAS, For many years, Betty Grad-Gross has been a study group leader for the Brandeis University National Women's Committee and taught English as a second language at Ursuline Outreach's Adult Learning Center; and WHEREAS, Recognized for her innovative leadership, Betty Grad-Gross was the first woman elected to the Board of Trustees of Beth El Synagogue and remains a member of the Board as an Honorary Trustee; she also serves on the Ritual Committee and is an Honorary Trustee on the Board of the Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, A past President and a lifetime member of the Board of Directors of the Interreligious Council of New Rochelle, Betty Grad-Gross is still very much involved with the organization; she served as Co-Chair of the recent Awards Committee of the Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, A true citizen of New Rochelle, New York, Betty Grad-Gross believes in giving back to the community she loves so much; she is a Charter member of Meals-On-Wheels of New Rochelle, as well as a past President, a lifetime member of its Board of Directors and a member of its Gala and Finance Committees; a member of the Board of the Westchester Phi Beta Kappa Association; and a member of the Board of the New Rochelle Council for Community Services, where she has served as Treasurer and Vice President and is currently Chair of the Scholarship Committee and a member of the Health Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, The quintessential civic leader, Betty Grad-Gross has been the recipient of a multitude of awards, honors and certificates of recognition, acknowledging her efforts of in-depth magnitude; including the Shofar Award from Beth El Synagogue, the Interreligious Council Service Award and the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Women of Excellence Award as Woman of Outstanding Achievement; and

WHEREAS, With Betty Grad-Gross throughout have been her husband, Dr. Harold Grad, and their two children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; 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 Betty Grad-Gross and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Betty Grad-Gross upon the occasion of her designation for special honor by the New Rochelle Council of Community Services on June 4, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Betty Grad-Gross.