

## 2009-J738

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Karen Martin-Eliezer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Exchange Club of White Plains on March 12, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge those exemplary individuals whose purposeful lives and distinguished careers have been committed to bettering the quality of life in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Karen Martin-Eliezer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Exchange Club of White Plains at "An Evening of Magic" to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at C.V. Rich Mansion/Woman's Club of White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Karen Martin-Eliezer has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Karen Martin-Eliezer is the Chief Executive of USTA Serves - Foundation for Academics. Character. Excellence., a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life among our nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, Karen Martin-Eliezer proudly joined the USTA at the end of 2000; as part of her responsibilities, she serves on the USTA Public Affairs Committee and represents the organization in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, With over 35 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, Karen Martin-Eliezer has held senior management positions in the fields of education, fund development, strategic development and organization planning; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Karen Martin-Eliezer worked with the City of New York to develop child care policies and standards; she also helped create neighborhood initiatives to blend education, recreation and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Karen Martin-Eliezer has served as an elementary school principal, a special projects consultant, an adjunct instructor in the field of elementary school curriculum, and has also worked with the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs; and

WHEREAS, Karen Martin-Eliezer has an undergraduate degree in English and Psychology and has earned Master's degrees in Education and Administration and Supervision; in 2004, she completed the Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management Program at the Harvard Business School's Executive Education program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her service, a period of constructive involvement, Karen Martin-Eliezer has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, She and her husband, Jay, reside in Westchester County, New York, and enjoy spending time with their 10 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Karen Martin-Eliezer has displayed throughout her life; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Karen Martin-Eliezer upon the occasion of her designation for

special recognition by the Exchange Club of White Plains; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Karen Martin-Eliezer.