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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Barbara Pelikow upon the occasion of her designation by the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers as the recipient of its Special Education Administrator of the Year Award on March 15, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those illustrious individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend Barbara Pelikow upon the occasion of her designation by the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers of the New York City Public Schools as the recipient of its Special Education Administrator of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pelikow, Administrator of Special Education, will be honored at the organization's 39th Annual Luncheon, to be held at The Renaissance in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 15, 2009, in recognition of her outstanding leadership, community involvement, and unwavering commitment to the policies of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Currently an administrator in the New York City Department of Education's (D.O.E.) Brooklyn Integrated Service Center (ISC), Barbara Pelikow was born and raised in Brooklyn; she began her career with the New York City Board of Education, now the D.O.E., as a special education teacher in the program for Language and Hearing Impaired Children (SLHIC) in 20K204; and

WHEREAS, After a several year hiatus while she was raising her family, Barbara Pelikow returned to the Board teaching students with special needs at 27K045 in Queens; she later became an Educational Evaluator and, subsequently, the Placement Officer for the Committee of Special Education in District 27; and

WHEREAS, After the Department of Education's first restructuring, Barbara Pelikow's new position was as the Special Education Evaluation

and Placement Officer (SEEPO) for Region 5, after which she served as an Instructional Support Specialist (ISS) for Region 5, covering districts in Queens and Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, she was named the Regional Administrator of Special Education (RASE), an assignment which evolved into her current position as an Administrator of Special Education (ASE) for schools in Districts 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, and 32; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pelikow has also served as a consultant to Nassau BOCES, evaluating possible learning problems with Hebrew speaking students; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her many professional and family responsibilities, Barbara Pelikow has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she is also an active member of her Young Israel synagogue, where she has served on several committees and has chaired many diverse programs; and

WHEREAS, Her husband Alan has been with Barbara Pelikow throughout; they are the proud parents of Shira, Michael, and Aimee; the in-laws of Ari and Alisa; and the loving grandparents of Jakie and Ashi, all of whom are proud to be 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 accomplishment are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and

emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Pelikow upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers' Special Education Administrator of the Year Award on March 15, 2009; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Pelikow.