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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Gila Leiter, M.D., upon the occasion of her designation by Ohr Naava as the recipient of a Woman of Valor Award at its 2nd Annual Dinner on February 24, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the Empire State are greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their faith, heritage and community; 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 Dr. Gila Leiter, M.D., upon the occasion of her designation by Ohr Naava as the recipient of a Jewish Woman of Valor Award at its 2nd Annual Dinner, to be held at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York, on February 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ohr Naava, the Women's Torah Center, located at 2201 East 23rd Street in Brooklyn, is a unique program designed for women ages 17 through 120 who are interested in furthering their Torah experience; and

WHEREAS, Founded in loving memory of Naava Katlowitz, Ohr Naava's program, under the leadership of Rabbi Zachariah Wallerstein, offers a wide variety of Torah classes as well as Yoga, Dance, Kickboxing and Art, and such chessed activities as challah baking, cooking, and others which benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Ohr Naava brings together girls who have just returned from studying in Israel, college students seeking a weekly moment of inspiration, and most of all, Jewish women of different backgrounds who share a common goal - to grow and change; and

WHEREAS, In honoring Dr. Gila Leiter, M.D., who has delivered thousands of babies and taken care of multiple generations of women and is an Assistant Clinical Professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, as

well as a frequent lecturer on health and Jewish law, as a Woman of Valor, Ohr Naava proudly pays tribute to a woman who has distinguished herself in her profession and in service to her family, faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gila Leiter, M.D., truly exemplifies a Woman of Valor and provides an inspiring role model for the Women of Valor of the future; 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 Dr. Gila Leiter, M.D., upon the occasion of her designation by Ohr Naava as the recipient of a distinguished Jewish Woman of Valor Award at its 2nd Annual Dinner on February 24, 2009; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Gila Leiter, M.D.