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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending outgoing President Gail Hammerman upon the occasion of her designation for special honor at the 85th Annual Journal Dinner Dance of the East Midwood Jewish Center on June 14, 2009

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the State of New York is greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; 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 outgoing President Gail Hammerman upon the occasion of her designation for special honor at the 85th Annual Journal Dinner Dance of the East Midwood Jewish Center on June 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Brooklynite, Gail Hammerman has spent her adult life in service to the citizens of Brooklyn and the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hammerman has been a member of the East Midwood Jewish Center for 20 years; serving the synagogue in many ways and in many capacities over the years, she has just completed four years of outstanding service as President; previously, she was President of the Progressive Shaare Zedek Synagogue and was instrumental in its merger with the East Midwood Jewish Center in 1989; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her devotion to the East Midwood Jewish Center, Gail Hammerman is a member of the Board of the METNY Region of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and is the new President of Hadassah's Brooklyn Region; she was Co-President of the Park Slope Chap-

ter of Hadassah and has served as a member of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush's Board of Directors; and in 1991, she volunteered in Israel and served with the Israeli Army during the Persian Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hammerman has also been a member of Brooklyn College's Performing Arts Center Committee and is active as an Advocate for SHARE, an organization offering survivor-led support to those affected by breast or ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hammerman has fittingly been honored by numerous Jewish and other community organizations; she has been named Woman of the Year by Israel Bonds, Na-Amat, and Masores Bais Yaakov of Brooklyn; she has been honored as well by the 70th Precinct Community Council and is an honorary member of the Shomrim Society and the New York City Police Department's Honor Legion; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hammerman's professional credentials are equally deserving of recognition and praise; she earned both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Brooklyn College of The City University of New York and served as Special Assistant to the Brooklyn Borough President from 1978 until her retirement in 2001; from 1979 until 2008, she was also an Adjunct Professor at Long Island University, where she taught Political Science and, prior to that she taught Health Science at Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, With Gail Hammerman throughout have been her husband of 45 years, David, and their children, Craig and Elizabeth, Robin and Andrew, Evan and Robin, and their beloved grandchildren, Jared, Jacob, Sara, and Max, all of whom are proud to be part of her life and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of her service to the East Midwood Jewish Center and her community, Gail Hammerman has exhibited uncommon valor and wisdom; her involvement and leadership have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompro-

missing standard of excellence in all her endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Gail Hammerman for her dedication and commitment to her community and her heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Gail Hammerman upon the occasion of her designation for special honor at the 85th Annual Journal Dinner Dance of the East Midwood Jewish Center on June 14, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Hammerman.