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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gail Hammerman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the East Midwood Jewish Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gail Hammerman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the East Midwood Jewish Center; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hammerman earned her Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees at Brooklyn College, CUNY; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Brooklynite, Gail Hammerman has been a member of the East Midwood Jewish Center for 20 years and has served as President of the Synagogue for the past four years; prior to that, she was President of Shaare Zedek Synagogue and was responsible for its successful merger into the East Midwood Jewish Center in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Gail Hammerman sits on the Board of the METNY Region of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism; she is the new president of the Hadassah Brooklyn Region, and has been honored by numerous Jewish organizations, including being named Woman of the Year by Israel Bonds, Na-Amat, and Masores Bais Yaakov of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, In 1991 during the Persian Gulf War, Gail Hammerman volunteered in Israel and served with the Israeli Army; an honorary member of the Shomrim Society and the Honor Legion of the New York City Police Department, she is also an advocate for SHARE; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, Gail Hammerman served as Special Assistant to

the Brooklyn Borough President from 1978 until she retired in 2001; during that time, from 1979 until 2008, she served as an Adjunct Professor at Long Island University, where she taught Political Science; prior to that she taught Health Science at Brooklyn College; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, David, their children, Craig and Elizabeth, Robin and Andrew, Evan and Robin, as well as their grandchildren, Jared, Jacob, Sara, and Max, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and WHEREAS, Gail Hammerman's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gail Hammerman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the East Midwood Jewish Center; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Hammerman.