

## 2009-J3917

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Westchester Jewish Center on March 6, 2010

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals of firm belief and commitment who have devoted their purposeful lives to the service of faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Westchester Jewish Center at its Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless endeavors on behalf of the Westchester Jewish Center and their community and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff and their two children, Arielle and Ranan, moved to Mamaroneck, New York, where they immediately became immersed in the community; and

WHEREAS, Cantor Alan Sokoloff not only leads the Westchester Jewish Center's davening on Shabbat, Festivals and the High Holy Days, he also has a small teaching staff and has prepared over 500 students for B'nei Mitzvah; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Cantor Alan Sokoloff has taught many adults to read Torah and chant haftarot and megillot, as well as to serve as Tefillah Leaders of various services, both in Adult Education classes and one on one; and

WHEREAS, Cantor Alan Sokoloff has also taught a Torah skills class to the fourth grade at Solomon Schechter in White Plains, New York; now in his ninth year there, he has taught almost 600 students, including a large number of Westchester Jewish Center children; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Cantor Alan Sokoloff is also actively engaged in the broader community; he is a dedicated volunteer with the Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force; twice each month, he can be found unload-

ing pallets of foodstuffs at the CAP Center; since 2007, he has also been a member of the Hunger Task Force Steering Committee; and WHEREAS, Cantor Alan Sokoloff is an active member of the Cantors Assembly and a founding member of Kol Hazzaniim, the Westchester Board of Cantors; and

WHEREAS, Known by many as the "Candy Man," Cantor Alan Sokoloff has also shared hundreds of joyous occasions with many of the members of the Westchester Jewish Center and has been a consoling presence at many funerals and shiva homes; and

WHEREAS, Erica Sokoloff has been working at Westchester Family Hebrew Academy since 2001; she began as a Judaic Studies kindergarten teacher and is now the Director of Jewish Life at the school; she is also involved in Synagogue events and the Westchester Jewish Center Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 honor Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Westchester Jewish Center on March 6, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cantor Alan and Erica Sokoloff.