LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Congregation Shaaray Tefila of Lawrence, New York, to be celebrated June 17, 2010

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Congregation Shaaray Tefila of Lawrence, New York, to be celebrated June 17, 2010; and WHEREAS, Rabbi Dovid Weinberger has been the Rav of the Shul of Congregation Shaaray Tefila since 1996; during the past decade, the Shul has seen tremendous growth in the area of Limud HaTorah with the myriad of Shiurim and guest Roshei HaYeshiva and Rabbonim who frequent the Bais Hakeneses; and WHEREAS, The Shul features a daily Daf and Mishna Yomi and a morning Kollel in addition to many weekly and daily Shiurim; it has been involved in numerous chesed projects, both locally and in Eretz Yisroel; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, the members of Congregation Shaaray Tefila have always responded generously when called upon to assist individuals in need or the tzibur at large; and WHEREAS, It has been said by many that the Shul is one of the most dignified synagogues in the area; the make up of the congregants is quite heterogeneous, providing a warm feeling of respect and admiration,

exuding much warmth and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Congregation Shaaray Tefila also has an active youth department and sisterhood offering a full range of programs and activities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Shaaray Tefila stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Congregation Shaaray Tefila of Lawrence, New York, to be observed on June 17, 2010, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Dovid Weinberger, Congregation Shaaray Tefila, 25 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York.