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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Paul Levine and Carmen Collado of The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services upon the occasion of working to solve the issue of the social worker shortage in the State of New York

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 organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Paul Levine and Carmen Collado of The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services upon the occasion of working to solve the issue of the clinical social worker shortage in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCS) has been a trailblazer in treating family and mental health problems for more than 110 years; today, JBFCS is one of the nation's largest and

most respected nonprofit mental health and social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, JBFCS serves over 65,000 New Yorkers annually from all religious, ethnic, and economic backgrounds through a comprehensive range of 185 community-based programs, residential facilities, and day-treatment centers; and

WHEREAS, Paul Levine, LCSW, is the CEO and Executive Vice President of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services; he has been affiliated with JBFCS for more than 25 years and is a leading advocate for children; he is also president of the New York State Coalition of Children's Mental Health Services, and a member of the board of the Coalition of Family and Child Caring Agencies, the Human Services Council, and the Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies; and has demonstrated vision and leadership in public policy work to address workforce and licensing issues in the social work profession; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Collado, LCSW, is Director of Public Policy and Legislative Affairs, and also Director of Immigrant Services and Latino/Hispanic Services at Jewish Board of Family and Children's

Services; she is also President of the Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals (AHMHP) whose mission includes advocacy on behalf of the mental health and social work professions; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of JBFCS, Ms. Collado collaborates with leaders of New York's Hispanic human services community to inform and educate regarding policy on Latinas and suicide; high school, college and graduate school dropout rates; and racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity in higher education; her public policy work includes collaboration with elected officials, key policymakers and coalitions to support mental health and social services; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Paul Levine and Carmen Collado of The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services upon the occasion of working to solve the issue of the social worker shortage in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Levine, Carmen Collado and to the Board of Trustees of JBFCS.