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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Zev and Helen Birnbaum upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Avodas HaKodesh Award at the 59th Anniversary Banquet of the Flatbush Park Jewish Center on March 27, 2011

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Empire State 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 longstanding traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend Zev and Helen Birnbaum upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Avodas HaKodesh Award at the 59th Anniversary Banquet of the Flatbush Park Jewish Center, to be held at Kings Terrace in Brooklyn on Sunday, March 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Flatbush Park Jewish Center has grown from a storefront congregation of 45 families to become one of New York City's leading Orthodox congregations; it has evolved into a true center of Jewish communal life, serving the religious, educational and social needs of the young and old of Brooklyn's Mill Basin community; and WHEREAS, Zev Birnbaum has ably served as Gabbai of the Flatbush Park Jewish Center for many years; Helen Birnbaum has served as an officer of Sisterhood and has devoted much of her time to leading the synagogue's Bikur Cholim Committee: and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of their service to the Flatbush Park Jewish Center and their community, Zev and Helen Birnbaum have exhibited uncommon valor and wisdom; their involvement and leadership have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all their endeavors; and WHEREAS, Zev and Helen Birnbaum are sincerely devoted members and leaders of the Flatbush Park Jewish Center and their community as well

as generous supporters of many worthy programs and causes at the Center, in the community, and in Israel; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Zev and Helen Birnbaum for their dedication and commitment to their community and their heritage; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Zev and Helen Birnbaum upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Avodas HaKodesh Award at the 59th Anniversary Banquet of the Flatbush Park Jewish Center on March 27, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zev and Helen Birnbaum.