

## 2011-K97

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Westchester Jewish Council upon the occasion of its 35th Anniversary Gala on February 12, 2011

WHEREAS, Throughout more than three decades of humanitarian leadership and purposeful endeavor, the Westchester Jewish Council has clearly demonstrated true compassion and commitment which merit the appreciation and commendation of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend the Westchester Jewish Council upon the occasion of its 35th Anniversary Gala to be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Jewish Council (WJC) is the central coordinating, advisory, and resource body for the Westchester Jewish community, representing over 140 Jewish organizations serving nearly 150,000 Jews; and

WHEREAS, As a Jewish community relations organization, the Council unites Westchester Jewry with the State of Israel, fosters communication between Jewish organizations, and cultivates and strengthens relations with other ethnic groups, elected officials and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Jewish Council's multitude of community initiatives include the Israel Roundtable which works to increase countywide consciousness, connections and commitment to Israel for people of all ages and coordinates the WANI (Westchester Against Nuclear Iran) program; and

WHEREAS, WJC's "Watchful Westchester" security awareness program helps provide safety awareness to Westchester synagogues, Jewish schools and Jewish institutions and is a most welcome Council initiative; and

WHEREAS, WJC's Partner Programs help its member organizations promote their programs as does the "Rabbi and the Judge" radio program, heard most Monday's from 1:00-2:00pm on WVOX 1460AM, during which Rabbi Amiel Wohl, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel of New Rochelle and The Honorable Samuel G. Fredman, retired New York State Supreme Court Justice, discuss the latest issues of concern to and from the Westchester Jewish community and often welcome special guests and community organization representatives to the program; and

WHEREAS, Its Westchester Adult Jewish Education Program (WAJE) provides adult learners with quality adult education programs throughout Westchester County; courses in a wide variety of subjects are offered on a trimester basis and are taught by local rabbis and educators; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Jewish Council is, in addition, deeply involved in interfaith initiatives and collaborations with other Westchester faith-based organizations in order to foster understanding and respect among different faith communities and to combat bigotry, extremism and violence; and

WHEREAS, Among WJC's most popular, well-received and respected community initiatives is its presentation each year at the Council's Annual Meeting of Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Awards, named in honor of the late Julian Y. Bernstein whose dedication to community remains an inspiration to all, to 18 volunteers from among the Council's member organizations whose dedication strengthens the Westchester Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Jewish Council strives to meet the spiritual and worldly needs of the Westchester community and fulfills its responsibilities with spirit and determination, providing leadership and contributing, with great success, to many endeavors each year; and

WHEREAS, This year, in keeping with this enduring spirit and commitment, members of the community and WJC supporters will gather at the Westchester Jewish Council's 35th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, February

12, 2011, to celebrate the vibrancy of the Westchester Jewish Council and to recognize the accomplishments of the Council and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the strength of its commitment and the benefit of its service, this Legislative Body proudly extends its highest commendation to the Westchester Jewish Council, noting its preeminent endeavors and outstanding leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend the Westchester Jewish Council upon the occasion of its 35th Anniversary Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Westchester Jewish Council.