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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg upon the occasion of their designation by The Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway as the recipients of the Yachad Award at its 33rd Annual Dinner on February 26, 2011

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Empire State are greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith and community, and to the education of the youth of the 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 in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg upon the occasion of their designation by The Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway (HAFTR) as the recipients of the Yachad Award at its 33rd Annual Dinner, to be held at The Sands Atlantic Beach on Saturday, February 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The greatest asset of any society is its children and the hope and promise they represent for the future; The Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway of Lawrence, New York, has a proud and rich history of providing its students with an educational and religious foundation which is both strong and enduring; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Annual Dinner, The Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway honors members of the school community in recognition and appreciation of their support of the yeshiva and its mission, as well as of their dedication to Jewish life; this year at its 33rd Annual Dinner it will proudly honor Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg as the recipients of its Yachad Award; and

WHEREAS, Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg both grew up in Long Island and were classmates since the first grade at the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County (HANC); they now reside in Cedarhurst together with their children, Rachel Yocheved, Benjamin Rafi, Noah Gabriel and Hannah Eliza-

beth; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Nierenberg has a degree in finance and accounting from the Syms School of Business at Yeshiva University and a graduate degree from the New York University School of Real Estate; after completing his education, he went on to a career in accounting at Ernst & Young and in Real Estate at CBRE-Insignia/Edward S. Gordon, and currently serves as Senior Vice President of Business Development for the IDT Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Alissa Nierenberg graduated from Queens College of The City University of New York, earning her undergraduate degree with dual majors in psychology and sociology and then went on to earn a master's degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, Alissa Nierenberg was a kindergarten teacher at Yeshiva Har Torah and then took a break from teaching to raise her rapidly expanding family, after which she returned to work at Stepping Stone, an integrated mainstream/special education school, and now teaches in HAFTR's four-year nursery program; and

WHEREAS, Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg are both very active within the HAFTR family as well as in the Five Towns community and numerous charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, They have chaired several Gift of Life drives and are most appreciative of the HAFTR family's generous support of both time and substance; and

WHEREAS, It is a testament to HAFTR, the wonderful Five Towns, and the greater Jewish community that, as a result of these drives, over 1,700 bone marrow matches have been found leading to numerous lives saved; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Nierenberg, in addition, serves on the HAFTR Board of Trustees as well as that of the Bnei Akiva Schools in Israel; he is one of the founding Co-Chairs of the Annual HAFTR Jacob Greenberg Memorial Golf Classic and is an Ambassador to the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Alissa Nierenberg is a valued and involved member of The Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway's PTA; she has served on the New Parents Welcome Committee and is also a past President of the Young Israel of Woodmere Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg for their dedication and

commitment to their heritage and to their community and its children;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg upon the occasion of their designation by The Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway as the recipients of the Yachad Award at its 33rd Annual Dinner on February 26, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alissa and Jonathan Nierenberg.