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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Larry Spiewak upon the occasion of his designation by the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush as the recipient of the Kesser Shem Tov Award at its 32nd Annual Community Legislative Breakfast on March 27, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those illustrious individuals of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Larry Spiewak upon the occasion of his designation for special honor by the Council of Jewish Organizations (COJO) of Flatbush as the recipient of its 2011 Kesser Shem Tov Award; and

WHEREAS, Larry Spiewak, successful businessman and communal leader, will be honored at the Council's 32nd Annual Community Legislative Breakfast, to be held at The Kings Terrace in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, March 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Since 1979, the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush has coordinated the efforts of all parts of the Jewish community, including educational, healthcare, religious, social welfare and other organizations and institutions, and has acted as an advocate for the communal and individual needs of the entire, increasingly diverse, Southern Brooklyn community; and

WHEREAS, Its 32nd Annual Community Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have supported the Council and have helped to further its efforts, as well as those who exemplify its mission of improving the quality of life of the citizens it serves; and

WHEREAS, Larry Spiewak is an exceptional individual who, for many

years has dedicated himself to supporting Jewish communal causes; his indefatigable and pioneering efforts on behalf of the Flatbush community have helped many in need; and

WHEREAS, Larry Spiewak has served on the board of Chai Lifeline for more than 20 years and has been part of its three-member Presidium for over 10 years; an organization that helps many children suffering from cancer and other life-threatening or chronic illnesses, Chai Lifeline is of great assistance in helping children and their families withstand the crises and challenges of serious pediatric illness; and

WHEREAS, Larry Spiewak's wife, Mindy, is also a dedicated volunteer who donates blood and platelets for the ailing children; deeply committed, she has inspired the Spiewak children to follow in her footsteps and they, too, have become donors; and

WHEREAS, Larry Spiewak serves on the Board of the Yeshivah of Flatbush, where he has been an officer and Trustee for over 25 years; he is also the proud President of his synagogue, Beth-El Jewish Center of Flatbush, and a welcome and valued Member of the Board of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush and its dedicated Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Larry Spiewak is, in addition, a member of Tzivos Hashem, an organization which is in the forefront of the effort to revitalize

Jewish identity in children; it provides children with a Jewish education through informal and entertaining programs; the Jewish Children's Museum in Crown Heights is one of its outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, Together with his wife, Mindy, Larry Spiewak is involved as well with Just One Life, an organization that provides financial support to pregnant women in Israel who might not otherwise be able to afford to have their babies; and

WHEREAS, A successful businessman and President of Kwik Ticket, a company he established 30 years ago which supplies store equipment for retail establishments, Larry Spiewak travels all over the world to

locate new products and remain competitive in today's commercial marketplace while continuing to give generously of his time, talent, and expertise to countless civic and charitable endeavors; and

WHEREAS, With Larry Spiewak throughout have been his devoted wife Mindy and their four children and three grandchildren, all of whom are proud to be part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Larry Spiewak upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush's Kesser Shem Tov Award at its 32nd Annual Community Legislative Breakfast on March 27, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Larry Spiewak.