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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Irving J. Fain Award for Outstanding Synagogue Social Action Programming by the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Irving J. Fain Award for Outstanding Synagogue Social Action Programming by the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism; and

WHEREAS, This most auspicious occasion will be observed at the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism's Washington, D.C. Consultation on Conscience conference in May of 2011; and

WHEREAS, In addition, a special service will be held at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester to honor its volunteers, and commemorate this special honor on Friday, May 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1983, the Fain Awards recognize Irving J. Fain, a dedicated member of the Commission on Social Action who served as Chair for a decade; and

WHEREAS, Today the Irving J. Fain Award is given biennially to select congregations that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to social justice in their social action programming; winners of the award have been chosen from a pool of more than 900 synagogues and exemplify the

passion for social justice that is the hallmark of Reform Judaism; and
WHEREAS, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester will receive this
distinctive award in recognition of its English as a Second Language
Tutoring (ESL) program at the Don Bosco Community Center in Port Ches-
ter, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception seven years ago, Congregation Emanu-El of
Westchester's ESL program has been providing bi-weekly tutoring to immi-
grant men and women of the Port Chester community through the benevolent
efforts of their outstanding volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the strength of its commitment and the benefit of
its service, this Legislative Body proudly extends its highest commenda-
tion to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, noting its preeminent
endeavors and outstanding leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
honor Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester upon the occasion of its
designation as recipient of the Irving J. Fain Award for Outstanding
Synagogue Social Action Programming by the Commission on Social Action
of Reform Judaism; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, 2125 Westchester Avenue
East, Rye, New York 10580.