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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Harriet P. Schleifer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the American Jewish Committee of Westchester at its 5th Annual Israel...New Perspectives Gala on June 1, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations and individuals who exemplify and contribute to the ethical and spiritual values of the people of New York State and this nation and to the advancement of human rights around the world; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Harriet P. Schleifer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the American Jewish Committee of Westchester at its Israel... New Perspectives Gala on June 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The American Jewish Committee (AJC) was established in 1906 by a small group of American Jews deeply concerned about pogroms aimed at Russian Jews in the belief that the best way to protect Jewish populations in danger would be to work toward a world in which all people are accorded respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Over 100 years later, AJC, an international think tank and advocacy organization which attempts to identify trends and problems early and take action, continues its efforts to promote pluralistic and democratic societies where all minorities are protected; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with AJC's mission and national agenda, AJC Westchester works diligently to create a secure Jewish future in a more just world, believing that each such pursuit depends upon the other; and

WHEREAS, AJC Westchester launched its Israel...New Perspectives program, designed to engage the Jewish and secular communities in events and programs which emphasize Israel's remarkable creativity, particular-

ly in the high tech, artistic and healthcare fields, in May 2007; and  
WHEREAS, On Thursday, June 1, 2011, AJC Westchester is proudly holding its 5th Annual Israel...New Perspectives Gala, Israel...A Light Unto the Nations, at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, Harriman, New York, honoring Harriet P. Schleifer for her leadership of AJC and her service to her faith and to her community; and

WHEREAS, An attorney and an involved and valued member of her community, Harriet Schleifer earned her undergraduate degree from Cornell University, two graduate degrees in education from the University of Virginia, and her law degree from St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, A child of Holocaust survivors, Harriet Schleifer's commitment to the well-being of the Jewish people and Yiddishkeit is reflected in all she does; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Schleifer is passionate about AJC's mission of ensuring the security of Jews in a more just world and has held many leadership roles in the organization; she is a Past President of AJC Westchester; she sits on the Executive Committee and is the Development Chair for the Region; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Schleifer is also a member of AJC's National Board of Governors and represents AJC on the Board of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany; and

WHEREAS, Through her leadership role with AJC, Harriet Schleifer became involved with the Westchester Jewish Council, where she is now a Vice President; she also serves as a member of the Executive Committee of UJA Federation and as a member of its Business and Professional Division Board; and

WHEREAS, She is, additionally, an officer of Bet Torah Synagogue and First Vice President of the Rosenthal Jewish Community Center; and

WHEREAS, As an attorney, Harriet Schleifer has dedicated herself to advocating for the educational rights of general and special education students; she is Vice President of the Family Support Services Council

of the Westchester Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO) and has held various offices in the Chappaqua Central School District PTA; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Schleifer serves as well on the Board of Chapel Haven, Inc., a school for students with disabilities in New Haven, Connecticut, and on its Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, With Harriet Schleifer throughout have been her husband Len and their sons, Adam and David, all of whom are proud to be part of her life and rejoice in her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Schleifer not only shows an enduring commitment to AJC and her profession, faith and community, she inspires a sense of communal responsibility, spirit and excellence in others as well; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Harriet P. Schleifer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the American Jewish Committee of Westchester at its Israel... New Perspectives Gala on June 1, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harriet P. Schleifer.