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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Morris Lipton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Temple Avodah of Oceanside as an Honoree of its Twilight Journal Dinner Dance on June 5, 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

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 fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Morris Lipton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Temple Avodah of Oceanside as an Honoree of its Twilight Journal Dinner Dance on June 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Morris Lipton was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York during the era of the Great Depression; the son of kosher butchers who had emigrated from Poland, he grew up in an Orthodox household; determined that their middle son, Morris, would become a Rabbi, Morris attended Yeshiva Chaim Berlin in Brooklyn and continued his high school studies at Yeshiva Isaac Elchanan in Washington Heights, now known as Yeshiva University High School for Boys; and

WHEREAS, Morris Lipton, however, had other ideas; he decided to attend City College of The City University of New York and played on the college's JV basketball squad during the years when CCNY's basketball team was in its glory days; the United States Army interrupted his budding basketball career, drafting him in 1944 at the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, The Orthodox boy who had never left New York City, encount-

ered men who had never seen a Jewish person, first at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and then overseas as an infantryman fighting the Battle of the Bulge; assigned to the 30th Infantry, Morris Lipton, due to his fluency in Yiddish, became especially useful to the troops translating German into English and he was happy to help his fellow soldiers in any way he could; and

WHEREAS, When Morris Lipton returned to New York City after World War II, he completed college and pursued a career in accounting; he also pursued his future wife, the late Gloria Lipton, to whom he was married for more than 50 years; when he wasn't working or spending time with his family, or on the golf course, he dedicated himself to charitable causes through the Knights of Pythias; and

WHEREAS, He and his family were also members of the Flatbush Park Jewish Center and Temple Shalom in Brooklyn and, upon moving to Ocean-side in 2000, the Liptons became valued members of Temple Avodah where Morris went on to serve on the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Morris Lipton is a Certified Public Accountant, formerly a Senior Partner in the firms of Their, Lane and Lipton in Manhattan, and later, Lipton and Lipton, in Valley Stream; only semi-retired, he is now associated with the accounting offices of Ives and Sultan, where his years of experience and knowledge are much appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Morris Lipton is still active in the Knights of Pythias where he has held numerous positions, including Grand Chancellor, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Grand Treasurer; he is, in addition, currently the President of the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization whose prime mission is to disburse funds to charities in Israel which focus on the needs of children; and

WHEREAS, Although Morris Lipton did not become the Rabbi his father had hoped, he recently led Shabbat Services on a cruise ship traveling through the Panama Canal; he enjoys taking vacations with his lovely

"significant other," Florence Lipsman, to many places including Eastern Europe, Israel and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Morris Lipton also relishes the time he spends with his daughter, Joyce Lipton, his son-in-law, Brad and granddaughter, Rebecca and, he takes great pride in the fact that his daughter has been so inspired by his passion for Judaism and charitable endeavors that she now serves as Vice President of Temple Avodah; he is also proud that his granddaughter Rebecca was a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Avodah, reached Confirmation, graduated Central Hebrew High School and spent a portion of the summer of 2010 in Israel with the B'nai B'rith youth organization; and

WHEREAS, Morris Lipton, a man well-known for his sense of quiet dignity, wit, trustworthiness, reliability, and benevolence, is a sincerely devoted member and leader of Temple Avodah of Oceanside and his community as well as a generous supporter of many worthy programs and causes at the synagogue, in the community, and in Israel; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Morris Lipton for his dedication and commitment to his community and his heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Morris Lipton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Temple Avodah of Oceanside as an Honoree of its Twilight Journal Dinner Dance on June 5, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Morris Lipton.