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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzveig as they are honored by Congregation Anshe Shalom at its Annual Testimonial Dinner on Sunday, June 26, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to individuals of firm faith and commitment who have devoted their untiring energy and purposeful lives in service to their faith; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is pleased to commend Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzveig as they are honored by Congregation Anshe Shalom at its Annual Testimonial Dinner on Sunday, June 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Anshe Shalom is a modern orthodox synagogue in New Rochelle, New York; one of the anchor synagogues of Westchester County, founded in 1896, in addition to its daily services and inspiring Shabbos services, it offers a variety of programs and activities in a warm, inviting environment; and

WHEREAS, The synagogue is the common spiritual home of a congregation; in it rests the heritage of the Jewish people and from it stems the teaching and the practice of its treasured values and traditions; and

WHEREAS, The true architects of society and community are our spiritual leaders whose faith and unremitting commitment serve to sustain and enhance the spiritual and cultural values of life; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzveig have distinguished themselves by their sincere dedication and substantial contribution to Congregation Anshe Shalom and its congregants and truly merit their recognition and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Under Rabbi Ely Rosenzveig's leadership during his 15 year tenure, the Congregation has developed a remarkable array of programs, activities, and outreach initiatives which touch thousands of Jews throughout the Tri-State area and in which it justly takes great pride; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Helen and

the late Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzveig, Rabbi Ely Rosenzveig studied with renowned scholars including Rabbi Aryeh Leib Bakst, zt'l, in Detroit, and Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, zt'l, at Yeshiva University in New York, and his late father, the Founder and Director of the Holocaust Memorial Center in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, He earned his semicha from Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1984 and, in 1985, received his law degree from the University of Michigan School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Ely Rosenzveig is supported in all his endeavors by his devoted wife Chani, who was born in Tel Aviv, Israel; her parents, David and Rivka Gross, are Holocaust survivors who immigrated to Israel after the Shoah; her father fought in the 1948 War of Israel Independence and in the 1956 Suez Campaign; when Chani was three years old, the family moved to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Brooklyn, New York, Chani Rosenzveig is a graduate of Yeshiva University's High School for Girls; she also studied at Machon Gold in Jerusalem, and subsequently earned a degree in computer science from Brooklyn College of The City University of New York in August 1977, and a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from New York University in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Chani Rosenzveig works for the Hebrew Academy for Special Children (HASC) where she recently celebrated her tenth anniversary of service as the school's Educational Technology Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzveig have been honored many times for their dedication and service; Rabbi Rosenzveig has been honored by the Rabbinical Council of America, the Zionist Organization of America, Israel Bonds, and with the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce's coveted Humanitarian Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Ely and Chani Rosenzveig were the Guests of Honor at the Bet El Community in Israel's Annual Dinner Gala in Manhattan in 2009; in 2001, with great pride, Rabbi Rosenzveig delivered the opening prayer at a session of Congress, and, in 2002, he was honored to, similarly, open a session of the New York State Assembly and, in 2001 at its Annual Dinner, the Congregation Anshe Shalom Sisterhood honored Chani Rosenzveig with its Eishat Chayil Award; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzveig are blessed to be the

parents of five children Ariel, Tziona, Shifra, Elisheva and Akiva, all of whom are proud to be part of their lives and rejoice in their many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of their worthy endeavors, this Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzweig for their commitment to their faith and their heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzweig as they are honored by Congregation Anshe Shalom at its Annual Testimonial Dinner on Sunday, June 26, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Ely and Rabbanit Chani Rosenzweig.