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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 72nd Anniversary of Machane Chodosh to be celebrated June 26, 2011

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 72nd Anniversary of Machane Chodosh to be celebrated June 26, 2011; and WHEREAS, Machane Chodosh is proud to pay tribute to this year's honorees, Jane Stiefel and Ricky Schneider, and to recognize Rabbi Manfred Gans, Rabbi Yossi Mendelson and President Herbert Jaffe for their dedication and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Since 1939, Machane Chodosh has been a warm and welcoming place for all people, creating a strong Jewish community and providing emotional and spiritual support to its congregation; and

WHEREAS, Machane Chodosh is a welcoming, hospitable synagogue that has become a haven for Jewish people, brought together by spirituality, a love of learning and respect for diversity; and

WHEREAS, Machane Chodosh offers a warm, joyous, and inspiring atmosphere for worship, friendship and creating a home for the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, Machane Chodosh is not simply a house of worship, it is a community dedicated to the Jewish ideal of tikkun olam, perfecting the world; and

WHEREAS, Machane Chodosh is a dynamic center of Torah Judaism and Jewish culture within one of the most diverse Jewish communities in the world, looking to bring together those of different cultural backgrounds and serves as a resource for all Jews in a spirit of unity; and WHEREAS, Machane Chodosh stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 72nd Anniversary of Machane Chodosh to be celebrated June 26, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Manfred Gans, Rabbi Yossi Mendelson, President Herbert Jaffe, and the aforementioned honorees.