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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty upon the occasion of hosting its 37th Annual Legislative Breakfast on Sunday, June 2, 2013

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 organizations which devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty upon the occasion of hosting its 37th Annual Legislative Breakfast on Sunday, June 2, 2013, in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council), is dedicated to the alleviation of social, economic, housing and related problems of the Jewish poor, working poor, elderly and recent immigrants in the New York City area; and

WHEREAS, The Met Council is one of the largest providers of affordable housing for New York City's low and moderate-income families, the homeless and mentally disabled, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, The Council also offers comprehensive social services, such as crisis intervention, the Family Violence Program, food programs, career services, home services, home health care, camp scholarships for children from needy families, and services for Holocaust survivors; and

WHEREAS, An affiliated agency of the UJA-Federation of New York, the Met Council is a not-for-profit organization representing and coordinating the efforts of grassroots Jewish Community Councils citywide and national Jewish organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Met Council works to establish linkages between Jewish groups, non-Jewish groups and governmental agencies and helps to stabilize and preserve neighborhoods with substantial Jewish populations by assessing needs and bringing resources to these areas; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, the Met Council has been a defender of and advocate for New Yorkers in need, and has raised awareness around the

growing problem of Jewish poverty; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the Met Council's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty upon the occasion of hosting its 37th Annual Legislative Breakfast on Sunday, June 2, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph C. Shenker, Esq., President, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.