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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Bukharian Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills, New York

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of The Bukharian Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills, New York, to be celebrated on Monday, February 9, 2015, at the Royal Elite Palace Catering Hall, Woodside, New York; and

WHEREAS, Religious organizations which serve the interests of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The Bukharian Jewish Center provides religious, educational, cultural, and social events for over 2000 community members and congregants of the synagogue; it also supports and promotes educational programs in Russian, Bukharian, Hebrew, and English languages; and

WHEREAS, The Bukharian Jewish Center ministers to the infirm and elderly, provides marriage and family counseling, and offers assistance for troubled youth; the Center also works closely with its elected officials and various organizations to voice concerns and interests of the Kew Gardens Hills community; and

WHEREAS, Daily prayer services are conducted five times a day, and social events are organized for women and the entire family; once a month, The Bukharian Jewish Center hosts a Two Hearts as One Couples event, devoted to parenting, relationship, and other nurturing topics; and

WHEREAS, A workshop was presented to teach the art of effective communication and gave engaged and married couples practical tools to achieve their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, The Bukharian Jewish Center also holds annual Chizuk Shabbatons where singles, couples, and families come together for an inspirational Shabbat filled with Torah learning and new insights into Judaism; recently, a father and son learning program was introduced; and

WHEREAS, Daily Torah teachings are available, and ministry is available to local college campuses, engaging interested students with lectures on topics of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Monthly, The Bukharian Jewish Center's food pantry serves over 6,500 people, and volunteers distribute more than 2,000 food packages; and

WHEREAS, The Bukharian Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills has maintained its integral mission to enrich the Jewish life and the total Jewish community by developing and implementing programs for the recreational, educational, cultural, and social needs of the community, and by doing so, stimulates and amplifies in individuals their sense of responsibility to the local community and society as a whole, being guided by the principles of Judaism and democracy, and creating an atmosphere especially congenial to Jewish thought, beliefs and values; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of The Bukharian Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Bukharian Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills, New York.