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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 65th Anniversary of Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow on April 25, 2015, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

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 65th Anniversary of Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow, to be celebrated with a Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 25, 2015, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed institution is privileged to recognize outstanding members of the community who have made significant contributions to the ministry of Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow and the community-at-large; this year's distinguished honorees include: Max and Hannah Schrier and Elliott and Harriet Solomon; and

WHEREAS, In 1950, at the house of mourning of Emanuel Frankfort, the victim of a train wreck on the Long Island Railroad, was born the resolution to form a congregation to serve the religious needs of the East Meadow Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, Friends and neighbors who made up the mourner's minyan became the founders of Temple Emanu-El, the first synagogue in the area; during its humble beginnings, services and meetings were held in local homes, the Fire House, and in the old building which once stood on its present site; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, a new building was erected, and one year later the

beautiful sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow was built and dedicated; and

WHEREAS, Today, Temple Emanu-El offers a wide variety of programs and activities, including religious education, youth programs, and many other committees and clubs which offer an array of opportunities for the community; and

WHEREAS, Temple Emanu-El has been the historical cornerstone of the East Meadow Jewish community for more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Rabbi Emeritus Albert J. Lowenberg since 1990, Temple Emanu-El stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve of its founders; 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 65th Anniversary of Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow on April 25, 2015, and pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow and the aforementioned honorees.