

## 2015-J1155

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ray and Susan Bazini upon the occasion of being named this year's honorees at the Congregation Beth Tikvah's Annual Journal Dinner

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Ray and Susan Bazini have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ray and Susan Bazini upon the occasion of being named this year's honorees at the Congregation Beth Tikvah's Annual Journal Dinner, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 14, 2015, in Wantagh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Tikvah is a conservative Jewish synagogue formed from the consolidation of three synagogues, the former Farmingdale Jewish Center, the former Wantagh Jewish Center and the former Israel Community Center of Levittown; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Beth Tikvah, or "House of Hope," proudly functions as a multifaceted religious center, providing vibrant spiritual and educational services throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Ray and Susan Bazini have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Born in Israel, Ray Bazini and his family moved to London in 1957, when Egypt declared war on his homeland; they returned to Israel a few years later, and in 1961, when he was just 12 years old, the family moved to Brooklyn, New York before settling in Levittown, Long Island just months later; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Division Avenue High School, Ray Bazini served his country with distinction in the 75th Ranger Regiment, an elite special operations force of the United States Army; due to his exceptional skill and bravery, he became a combat veteran and earned the rank of Sergeant during one of the most challenging times in American history; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return home from the service, Ray Bazini attended college in Springfield, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Susan Bazini was born in Brooklyn, New York, and moved to Seaford as a young child; a retired nurse, she works as the bookkeeper for the family business; and

WHEREAS, Coming from opposite sides of the world, Ray's cousin introduced him to Susan in 1970, when both of their families were members of the Israel Community Center in Levittown; the loving couple, married nearly 45 years, have devoted their lives to their families while serving the community, the nation, and the synagogue; and

WHEREAS, Ray and Susan Bazini have four children, all of whom became bar and bat mitzvah at the former Wantagh Jewish Center; they have also been blessed with five grandchildren who are the love of their lives; and

WHEREAS, The Bazini family have been members of Congregation Beth Tikvah since 1979, contributing greatly to the dynamic growth of its shul; Susan is a member of the Sisterhood and assists in setting up the synagogue for the High Holidays; Ray davens at services and is currently President of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ray and Susan Bazini have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Ray and Susan Bazini have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Ray and Susan Bazini upon the occasion of being named this year's honorees at the Congregation Beth Tikvah's Annual Journal Dinner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ray and Susan Bazini.