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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ruthie Simon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Academy Award by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ruthie Simon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Academy Award by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District to be celebrated at a dinner on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at Congregation Agudat Achim, Niskayuna, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is bestowed upon individuals who exemplify the mission of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District through intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and love of learning while celebrating the richness of their Jewish traditions; and

WHEREAS, Ruthie Simon has shone brightly in her respective field, while maintaining a sense of community, service, and integrity, as well as an ongoing commitment to the Jewish foundation instilled in her by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy; and

WHEREAS, A 1990 graduate of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, Ruthie Simon earned her Bachelor's degree in Spanish and Russian Languages from Union College, Schenectady, New York; she then went on to obtain her Master's degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew College, Newton Centre, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Ruthie Simon held numerous positions in

Jewish communal service, including Director of School Age Programs at the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center, and Director of the middle school at Prozdor, the supplemental Hebrew High School Program of Hebrew College; and

WHEREAS, Today, Ruthie Simon is employed in the administration department of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, a Modern Orthodox Rabbinical School, a position she has held for the last 11 years; in this capacity, she has contributed in several areas such as student services, recruitment, placement, and alumni relations; and

WHEREAS, Ruthie Simon has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Ruthie Simon is an active member of The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale--The Bayit, where she serves as the Chair of the Youth Committee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ruthie Simon has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Joel, and their two children, Hattie and Avery, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ruthie Simon has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ruthie Simon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2015 Academy Award by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruthie Simon.