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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gail Schwartz 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 practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gail Schwartz 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, Gail Schwartz has shown 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, Gail Schwartz earned her bachelor's degree in English from Elmira College, Elmira, New York; she then went on to obtain her master's degree in Reading from the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Gail Schwartz was an English Teacher in both Beacon, New York, and Albany, New York, before joining the faculty of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Robert, and their two children, as well as four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Gail Schwartz provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Gail Schwartz has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gail Schwartz 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 Gail Schwartz.