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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Judy Solomon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Keter Torah Award by the Jericho Jewish Center on June 24, 2015

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Empire State is greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Judy Solomon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Keter Torah Award by the Jericho Jewish Center, to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at the Jericho Jewish Center, Jericho, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Jericho since 1961, Judy Solomon attended Queens College where she majored in Elementary Education, minored in Music, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree; she went on to earn a Master's of Science in Education and spent her illustrious career as an Elementary School teacher in Elmont and Glen Head, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Judy Solomon became President of the award winning Parent's Council of the Jericho Jewish Center, serving a student body of more than 400 children; she held a position on the Synagogue Board of Trustees and was honored by the State of Israel Bonds; and

WHEREAS, As a community minded individual, Judy Solomon served as membership chairperson for Na'amat USA, an organization devoted to raising funds for the support of homeless children, daycare centers, agricultural schools and education of adults in the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Judy Solomon also served as Pre-School Chair at the Robbins Lane School in Syosset, where she was responsible for organizing the orientation program for incoming kindergarteners and the pre-school vision screening program; and

WHEREAS, Today, Judy Solomon is tirelessly dedicated to the Jericho Jewish Center (JCC); she is an active member of the Board of Trustees and serves as Sisterhood Co-chairperson of Torah Fund; she is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Rabbi Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, as a member of the Musical Arts Committee, Judy Solomon is responsible for the solicitation of advertising and donations to support its programs; she is also a proofreader for the JCC newsletter, a regular attendee at Shabbat services and participated in an Adult Bat Mitzvah as one of the "Elite Eight"; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Judy Solomon is the proud and recent recipient of the BOLI Women's League Woman of Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, the late Herb Solomon, with her throughout have been her children, Lloyd (Stephanie), Barbara and Sharon (David), as well as 14 grandchildren, 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 Judy Solomon has displayed throughout her life; 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 honor Judy Solomon upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Keter Torah Award by the Jericho Jewish Center on June 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Judy Solomon.