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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Early Childhood Director Barbara Flack upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the North Shore Synagogue

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals in the teaching profession who distinguish themselves in their dedication and commitment to their students; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Early Childhood Director Barbara Flack upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the North Shore Synagogue to be feted with a Bon Voyage Barbara Celebration on Saturday, May 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Flack was working as a Camp Counselor at Woodmere Academy when she and a colleague decided to open a nursery school in her home; and

WHEREAS, One mother, whose daughter was a student of Barbara Flack, was on the Board of the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach; the new rabbi at the Center was interested in starting a nursery school and chose Barbara to help him to first create it and then to serve as Director; she served for 13 years before leaving in 1997; and

WHEREAS, When her youngest child went off to college, Barbara Flack left Old Bethpage and drove across the country to Venice, California, where she worked in a pre-school at Temple Mishkan Tefilah; and

WHEREAS, Although California was nice, Barbara Flack missed her children and returned to New York; it was then she began her illustrious career with the North Shore Synagogue; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Flack's goals have always been aligned with the goals of the Synagogue, to provide a warm, understanding, nurturing and mean-

ingful environment for all; and

WHEREAS, With the trust and partnership of her dedicated staff, Barbara Flack has succeeded in providing years of a successful, engaging and high quality Early Childhood Program; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her partner, Steve Vitoff, her three children, Brian (Hayley), Jenny (Jeff), and Ali (Ryan), and seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Early Childhood Director Barbara Flack upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished service to the North Shore Synagogue, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Flack.