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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors foster and celebrate ethnic pride and have a significant impact on the lives of those they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, The Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc. (SHA) celebrated a quarter of a century of distinguished service to the Iranian-Jewish community of New York with an Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at Temple Israel, Great Neck, New York; this most auspicious event featured a keynote address from Shmuley Boteach, Author, Public Speaker, Rabbi and TV Host; and

WHEREAS, Marjan Keypour Greenblatt, M.Ed., the Founder and Director of Alliance for Rights of All Minorities received the Parviz Ohebshalom Leadership Award; Sina Rabbany, Ph.D., Acting Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Hofstra University was the recipient of the Elyahoo Amiran Leadership Award; Danielle Ajodan, an Exceptional All-Around Student was presented with the Albert Massachi Award of Merit; Simon Kashfi, an Exceptional All-Around Student was awarded with the Eli Sassouni Memorial Scholarship; and Isabelle Sehati, the 2016 Valedictorian of Great Neck North High School, received the Kian Adhami Distinguished Student Award; special recognition was given to Vahideh Morad, Shahnaz Farzan-Kashani and Lili Kashani; and

WHEREAS, SHAI is a dynamic and multi-faceted organization, counting approximately 1,000 families amongst its members; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1992, SHAI has organized diverse events and programs geared towards keeping the family and the Iranian-Jewish community together; and

WHEREAS, SHAI's avowed goal is to meet the evolving needs of the Iranian-Jewish community across generational lines, while promoting their conservative values, traditions, and Sephardic heritage; and

WHEREAS, SHAI has reached out and developed partnerships with local schools, synagogues, Jewish organizations, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, The SHAI name is met with respect and recognition by both Iranians and Americans as a non-profit group that has a strong and influential voice; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to extend its recognition and commendation to the Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc., applauding its preeminent endeavors for the past 25 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc., and the aforementioned honorees.