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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gita and Irving Freed upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Congregation Beth Tikvah on June 5, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Gita and Irving Freed have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gita and Irving Freed upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Congregation Beth Tikvah, to be celebrated at its Annual Journal Dinner on Sunday, June 5, 2016, in Wantagh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gita and Irving Freed have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Gita Freed has been a member of Congregation Beth Tikvah, formerly known as the Wantagh Jewish Center, for more than three decades; a member of its largest Adult Bat Mitzvah group, she is an active member of Sisterhood and has received the Claire Rogoff Award and Woman of Achievement Award from Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman is a regular shul goer and has read many Haftorahs for various Shabbatot and Yom Tovim, most notably first day Rosh Hashanah, as well as the Torah and Haftorah readings for Simchat Torah; she is also a regular for leading Friday night services; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the synagogue, Gita Freed has served on numerous committees some of which include, the Rabbinical Search Committee; the "Celebrate Israel" fundraiser, Ritual Committee, Religious

Activities subcommittee for the Consolidation Committee, the new High Holiday Prayer book committee, and Ner Tamid subcommittee for the sanctuary renovation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gita Freed is past Religious Activities Vice President for both Sisterhood and congregation, and has been co-editor of the shul's award winning newsletter, The BETH TIKVAH TIMES, with Irving for 11 years and counting; and

WHEREAS, Irving Freed has also been a member of this synagogue for more than 30 years; he has served as a past president and Board Member of Men's Club where he was bestowed with the Henry Krausman Man Of The Year Award and is in charge of the club's bowling league; and

WHEREAS, A regular shul goer, Irving Freed will daven, act as lay leader, and read Haftorahs on Shabbat and holidays throughout the year; he also gives out Shabbat honors and helps keep the service moving smoothly; and

WHEREAS, Irving Freed is currently co-president of Chavurah, co-chairman of the Kol Nidre Appeal Committee and co-chairman of the High Holiday Honors Committee; he is also a member of the Ritual Committee, Machzor Committee, and Israel Bond Committee; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he has worked on the Memorial Plaques for the new sanctuary and has been on numerous Synagogue Nominating Committees; and

WHEREAS, The recipients of numerous awards and accolades, Gita and Irving Freed have been UJA honorees, and have both received the President's Award; and

WHEREAS, Gita and Irving Freed have been married for 42 years; they are the proud parents of two sons, Jeremy (Rachel) and Benjamin (Robin), and have two beautiful grandchildren, Lucas and Ellie; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Gita and Irving Freed have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Gita and Irving Freed have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Gita and Irving Freed upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Congregation Beth Tikvah on June 5, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gita and Irving Freed.