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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Chabad of Port Washington, New York, on June 8, 2016, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Chabad of Port Washington, New York, to be celebrated at its Silver Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Chabad of Port Washington, Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Religious organizations which serve the interests of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1991, Chabad of Port Washington is nurtured and supported by concerned members of communities on Long Island's North Shore, and dedicated to the re-establishment and strengthening of its Judaic faith, identity, commitment and pride; and

WHEREAS, Chabad of Port Washington is a unique and vibrant center, providing a home away from home for any man, woman or youngster who walks through its doors; its Rabbis, staff and volunteer workers are pioneers who have been treading a path and showing the way to bring the light of the Torah and Jewish tradition to all Jews; and

WHEREAS, Growing rapidly, Chabad of Port Washington now includes a shul, preschool, day school, Jewish Library and social hall; this year the second phase of construction will include five classrooms, a gym/lunchroom, science and computer labs, general studies library, music

center, resource room, and an ultramodern mikvah; and

WHEREAS, This year Chabad of Port Washington will be paying tribute to Howard Fensterman and Jordan Fensterman, Guests of Honor; Fern Cohen, recipient of the Woman of Valor Award; and, Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, Chairman, Chabad World Headquarters, for their support, commitment and dedication to the Chabad of Port Washington; and

WHEREAS, Howard Fensterman is the managing partner at Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP; he is involved in all facets of the law firm's practice, including representing corporations, partnerships, LLCs and LLPs, as well as other business entities and individuals in connection with litigation, settlement negotiations, purchase and sale of business entities, asset-based lending, shareholder and partnership agreements, and real estate matters; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Howard Fensterman was appointed by then Governor David Paterson to serve on the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council, a position he held until 2014; he formerly served on the Public Health and Planning Council's Establishment and Project Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Howard Fensterman is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Long Island Chapter; he received his J.D. from Georgetown Law Center, and was admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Fensterman is a partner in the Litigation, Health Law, Corporate, and Entertainment Law departments at Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP; his clientele include various health care providers, large companies, and substantial web-based organizations; he also represents physicians, dentists, physician

assistants, nurses, and many other individual health care professionals as well as nursing homes and assisted living facilities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jordan Fensterman represents individual physi-

cians, physician assistants, and specialist assistants in licensure matters relating to Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) investigations and actions; he frequently travels to all of the Department of Health Metropolitan Area Regional Offices to represent clients in matters related to OPMC investigations and actions; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Fensterman received his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law, where he served as the President of the Hofstra Health Law Society for a period of approximately two years; he lives in Port Washington with his wife, Samantha, and their two children, Mason and Violet; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Fern Cohen and her husband Hersh, moved to Port Washington, and have lived in Sands Point since 1986; raised in Long Beach, she graduated from Brandeis University, later receiving a Master of Arts degree in Education from Tufts University, and a Master of Science degree in Library Science from the Palmer Library School at C.W. Post; and

WHEREAS, Past President of the Port Washington Library Foundation and the Sands Point Garden Club, Fern Cohen is a volunteer Master Gardener with Cornell Cooperation Extension, and an active member of the Grolier Club, where she serves on the Council and is Chairperson of the Members' Exhibition Committee; she is a collector of rare botanical books; and

WHEREAS, Fern Cohen and her husband have been members of Temple Beth Israel for over 40 years, and members and supporters of Chabad since the move to Shore Road; she has also been a student in most of the JLI courses at Chabad; and

WHEREAS, Fern Cohen is a retired teacher and school librarian; she and Hersh have two children, Joe and Susan, and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky began his studies in 1946, at the Lubavitch Yeshiva in New York, from which he received his rabbinical ordination, shortly before his marriage; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Rabbi Krinsky was appointed to the Secretariat of the Lubavitcher Rebbe and the Rebbe later appointed him as Secretary of

his three umbrella Lubavitch organizations: Machne Israel, Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch and Agudas Chassidei Chabad, positions he continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Krinsky is Chairman of the Board of both Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch and Machne Israel, the educational and social-services

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arms of the Lubavitch movement and serves as spokesman for the Lubavitch movement; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, the Rebbe appointed him as the sole executor of his will, and in 2007, NEWSWEEK Magazine named Rabbi Krinsky to the top of a list of "America's Top 50 Rabbis"; and

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, Chabad of Port Washington has maintained its integral mission to enrich the Jewish life and the total Jewish community by developing and implementing programs for the recreational, educational, cultural, and social needs of the community, and by doing so, stimulates and amplifies in individuals their sense of responsibility to the local community and society as a whole, being guided by the principles of

Judaism and democracy, and creating an atmosphere especially congenial to Jewish thought, beliefs and values; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Chabad of Port Washington; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chabad of Port Washington, New York, and the aforementioned

honorees.