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Senate Resolution No. 1065

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

HONORING Dr. Michael and Michele Israel upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by North Country Reform Temple on May 6, 2017

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, Dr. Michael and Michele Israel 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 Dr. Michael and Michele Israel upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by North Country Reform Temple, to be celebrated at its Biennial Auction on Saturday, May 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael and Michele Israel 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, Michael Israel was born, raised and educated in Glen Cove, New York; his family was one of the earliest congregants at North

Country Reform Temple, where he received his Jewish education; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from Glen Cove High School, Michael Israel received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Political Science from SUNY Stony Brook; he then went on to earn a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from New York University in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Israel served as Principal at East Ramapo School District before returning to his roots in 1999, during which time he became Principal of the Landing Elementary School in Glen Cove, the same school he attended as a child; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Dr. Michael Israel, Landing Elementary School was cited by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Dr. Michael Israel was appointed as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology of the Glen Cove School District; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Bayside, New York, Michele Israel graduated from Bayside High School before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications Arts and Sciences at Queens College; she went on to receive her Master's degree in Clinical Social Work from New York University as well as her Master's degree in School Counseling from Long Island University; and

WHEREAS, Michele Israel has served as a School Counselor in the Great Neck School District for the past 14 years; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their parents, Debby and Leo

Israel and Harriet and Saul Lipman, as well as their three children, Harrison, Sam and Sarah, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dr. Michael and Michele Israel have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Dr. Michael and Michele Israel, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and their respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Michael and Michele Israel upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by North Country Reform Temple on May 6, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Michael and Michele Israel.