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Senate Resolution No. 1400

BY: Senator HANNON

COMMENDING Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration on April 27, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, is a day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding New Yorkers, all Americans, and people around the world of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign; and

WHEREAS, At this auspicious event, Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez will be recognized for her diligent work in creating a more civil society for the citizens of not only Nassau County, but the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez, along with the support of the Superintendent William K. Lloyd, Ph.D., the Uniondale Board of Education, and the Uniondale Student Council, has worked to bridge the gap with students from the Jericho and Uniondale School Districts; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with the Student Council and the student body from Jericho School District, Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez has been instrumental in creating the L.E.A.D. Program whose mission is "Learning Empathy, Accepting Diversity"; this initiative allows students from different backgrounds to share in discussions about culture, resilience, and effective leadership; and

WHEREAS, Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez is a credit to her family, school, community, and her State and Nation, and it is certain that her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez upon the occasion of her designation

for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gisselle Rodriguez Benitez.