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Senate Resolution No. 663

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING Bree Schonbrun Dumain and Ian Dumain upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Young Leadership Award by Temple Israel Center of White Plains on March 16, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals within the State of New York who give of their time and energies in support of spiritual endeavors which aim to benefit the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bree Schonbrun Dumain and Ian Dumain upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Young Leadership Award by Temple Israel Center of White Plains to be celebrated at its Annual Gala and Fundraiser at the Center in White Plains, New York, on Saturday, March 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Bree and Ian Dumain joined Temple Israel Center (TIC) in 2013, when they moved to Harrison from the Upper West Side; at that time, their daughter, Zoe, was in the TIC Nursery School, and their son, Abe, was in kindergarten at Schechter Westchester; since then, TIC has become a second home to their beautiful family and they all love spending Shabbatot and haggim at the shul; and

WHEREAS, Not long after joining the shul, Bree Schonbrun Dumain began sitting on committees and planning events; currently, she sits on the Board of Trustees, the Catering Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Nominating Committee; she is also a member of the Hesed Circle,

and was a co-chair of the Gala in both 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, Bree Schonbrun Dumain was the Fundraising Chair for The Rabbi Gordon Tucker Fund for Jewish Learning, Thought and Culture; she is now on the Steering Committee for the Fund; and

WHEREAS, An active volunteer at Schechter Westchester, she has also been a co-Chair of Schechter's Gala for the last two years; before moving to Westchester, she served two terms as PTA President at the Chabad Early Learning Center in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her committee work, Bree Schonbrun Dumain has one feat of physical strength to her credit: in 2018, she became the first woman in memory, if not history, to perform Hagbah at a TIC Days of Awe service, and Ian proudly dressed her Torah; and

WHEREAS, Ian Dumain was a member of the Rabbi Search Committee that recruited incoming Senior Rabbi Annie Tucker to TIC; he was also the Music Chair for the Gala in 2017 and 2018, bringing Soulfarm to the community (and dancing through the nights); and

WHEREAS, In 2018, Ian Dumain revived the dormant TIC Blood Drive with sponsorship from Brotherhood and Sisterhood, almost doubling the yield from TIC's last drive; and

WHEREAS, Ian Dumain has also supported Bree's many volunteer activities, providing counsel, encouragement, and elbow grease; the couple met during law school orientation; prior to the birth of their son, Bree was an assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney's office, practicing in both trial and appellate bureaus; she later worked at Ramah Nyack; and

WHEREAS, Ian Dumain is a litigation partner at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, specializing in complex business disputes; he has also maintained an active pro bono practice; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the Innocence Project honored Ian Dumain with its

Advocate for Justice Award for his wrongful conviction work; he is equally proud of having obtained a \$1 million settlement on behalf of two minor victims of sexual abuse; today, he is a trustee of the trust for their health, education, and welfare that the settlement funded; and

WHEREAS, Temple Israel Center is proud to honor such committed and faithful young leaders such as Bree Schonbrun Dumain and Ian Dumain who aspire to be like their role models, always thinking about what they can give to their shul community, the local community, and the global community; 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 Bree Schonbrun Dumain and Ian Dumain upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Young Leadership Award by Temple Israel Center of White Plains; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bree Schonbrun Dumain and Ian Dumain.