

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Aaron and Shahla Weg upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by OHEL Children's Home and Family Services as Dinner Honorees at its 41st Annual Dinner on February 13, 2011

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Empire State is greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those whose purposeful endeavors enhance the quality of life in their communities; 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, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Aaron and Shahla Weg upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by OHEL Children's Home and Family Services as Dinner Honorees at its 41st Annual Dinner, to be held at the New York Hilton on Sunday, February 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1969, the mission of OHEL Children's Home and Family Services is to protect and strengthen individuals and families by meeting the diverse social service needs of the community through programs of excellence; and

WHEREAS, OHEL Children's Home and Family Services provides homes and families for abandoned, neglected, abused and disabled Jewish children and adults and families in crisis; through a variety of programs, it cares for thousands of people at every stage of life; and

WHEREAS, With nearly 100 residences, apartments, and programs located throughout New York City and surrounding areas, OHEL serves the entire Jewish community in New York City and the New York Metropolitan region, providing vital services to families in crisis, including housing, foster care, school-based services, outpatient counseling, at home and sexual abuse services, and camp opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In recent years OHEL has been working to make its services, training, and consultation available throughout North America and Israel as well and currently serves communities in New York City, the surrounding boroughs, Northern New Jersey, Southern Florida and worldwide on the web; and

WHEREAS, Each year, at its Annual Dinner, OHEL Children's Home and Family Services proudly recognizes the achievements of those, such as Aaron and Shahla Weg, who support and work diligently on behalf of OHEL's children and families; and

WHEREAS, Aaron and Shahla Weg, longtime Monsey area residents and members of Congregation Anshe Sefard in Wesley Hills, are former foster parents who embraced an opportunity to welcome a teenager into their home, who along with a group of other Jewish children fled Iran as political refugees in 1989; and

WHEREAS, The teenager sponsored by the Weg family while he was living in Vienna came to the United States when he was 16 and lived in the Weg's family home for many years, including while he attended college; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-two years later, that teenager, Dr. Payman Rabiei, and his wife Nazanin, are now joyfully being honored at OHEL's 41st Annual Dinner along with Aaron and Shahla Weg; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Weg is Executive Vice President of Programming at ADL Data Systems, Inc., a leading provider of software to the long term care

industry and nursing home chains worldwide and Shahla is a Registered Nurse; and

WHEREAS, Shahla and Aaron Weg are the proud and loving parents of Eliyahu and Jasmine Weg, Chaim Tzvi and Miriam, and the grandparents of six month old Aryeh; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Aaron and Shahla Weg upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by OHEL Children's Home and Family Services as Dinner Honorees at its 41st Annual Dinner on February 13, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Aaron and Shahla Weg.