

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island upon the occasion of hosting a program commemorating Yom HaShoah on April 18, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island upon the occasion of hosting a program commemorating Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day); this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Hofstra University; and

WHEREAS, This year, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island will honor Holocaust survivor Charlotte Schwiminer of Nassau County, as well as recognize 16 young people who are working to create a more civil society; and

WHEREAS, The 16 Nassau County youths include: Carle Place High School - Timothy Leung, Katlin Megiel, Thomas Monahan, and Thomas Vestuto; Floral Park Memorial High School - Janice Lee and Ling Song; Great Neck North High School - Laura Simeon, Tyler Bloom, Emily Nassir, and Doris Descorbeth; Manhasset High School - Aidan Owens; Roslyn High School - Carly Hanft; Sewanaka High School - Robert Dowling; and Temple Sinai Roslyn - Evan Mester, Perri Schreiber, and Allie Schreiber; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Jewish Community Relations Council - Long Island (JCRC-LI) is to inform, collaborate and mobilize the Long Island community to take action locally, nationally and internationally to address community relations issues important to both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities; and

WHEREAS, The goals of JCRC-LI are to: serve as an umbrella organization for Jewish institutions across Long Island; foster positive and meaningful intergroup/interfaith relationships; serve as an information and advocacy resource about Israel and international affairs for the Jewish and non-Jewish communities; and maintain an ongoing dialogue between the Jewish community and governmental officials at the local, state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, JCRC-LI was formed in order to establish a long term community relations agenda that is essential for the well-being of a vibrant Long Island Jewish community; its leadership is comprised of Jews from both Nassau and Suffolk counties who are involved in Jewish, civic and business organizations; they work with the leadership of UJA-Federation of New York's Long Island office and its beneficiary agencies, as well as with area synagogues, Jewish day schools, and other Jewish organizations; and

WHEREAS, It is important for the Jewish community to build on existing relationships and develop new ones with leaders of the established and emerging communities; JCRC-LI ensures that the Jewish community has a voice among the leaders of the community and works with others fostering a spirit of collaboration and cooperation to benefit all of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, JCRC-LI also serves as a central coordinating body for Jewish community relations across Long Island and operates as a nexus between community-based organizations and public and private institutions; it opens the lines of communication between communities and draws upon resources from its staff and lay leadership to provide a valued added organization, not only to Long Island Jewish institutions, but also to

the non-Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island upon the occasion of hosting a program commemorating Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day); and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island, Charlotte Schwimmer, and the 16 Nassau County youths.