LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Congregation Eitz Chaim upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Journal and Dinner Dance on May 19, 2013, and applauding the honorees of the evening

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State are greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this nation to pay tribute to institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commending Congregation Eitz Chaim upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Journal and Dinner Dance to be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1975 by a handful of families in a house on Spring Street in Monroe, New York, Congregation Eitz Chaim has grown to a community of more than 140 families; and

WHEREAS, Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Congregation Eitz Chaim is an engaging and dedicated egalitarian, conservative congregation devoted to fostering a genuinely warm Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, At this year's Annual Journal and Dinner Dance, Congregation Eitz Chaim proudly honors distinguished members whose generosity of both time and substance have brought comfort and strength to Congregation Eitz Chaim and to countless charitable causes and worthy endeavors in support of their faith and their community; and

WHEREAS, This year, Congregation Eitz Chaim will proudly and fittingly pay tribute to Diane and Marty Soss; and

WHEREAS, Remaining faithful to its mission of serving its congregation, its community and Judaism, Congregation Eitz Chaim and the honorees of the evening may look with pride and satisfaction upon their purposeful service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Congregation Eitz Chaim and to Diane and Marty Soss for their dedication and commitment to Congregation Eitz Chaim, their community and their heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Congregation Eitz Chaim upon the occasion of hosting its Annual Journal and Dinner Dance on May 19, 2013, and to applaud the honorees of the evening; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Congregation Eitz Chaim and to the honorees of the evening, Diane and Marty Soss.