LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Gruss Life Monument Funds, Inc. and the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Inc. upon the occasion of their designation for special tribute by the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway at its 35th Annual Dinner on March 10, 2013

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Empire State are greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith and community, and to the education of the youth of the community; 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 in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gruss Life Monument Funds, Inc. and the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Inc. upon the occasion of their designation by the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway (HAFTR) for special tribute at its 35th Annual Dinner, to be held in HAFTR's Sports Complex on Sunday, March 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The greatest asset of any society is its children and the hope and promise they represent for the future; the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway, of Lawrence, New York, has a proud and rich history of providing its students with an educational and religious foundation which is both strong and enduring; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Annual Dinner, the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway honors members of the school community and the community at large in recognition and appreciation of their support of the yeshiva and its mission; this year at its 35th Annual Dinner it will proudly pay tribute to Gruss Life Monument Funds, Inc. and the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Inc.(CIJE); and

WHEREAS, HAFTR is, this year, extremely proud to pay tribute to Gruss Life Monument Funds, Inc. and the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Inc. in recognition and appreciation of their generous support which has assisted HAFTR in completing its new playground for its Lower Campus and its new Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, CIJE has also been involved in outreach to each of HAFTR's divisions in many academic and technological areas; and

WHEREAS, Both Gruss Life Monument Funds, Inc. and the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Inc. have been active as well in helping HAFTR students excel in math and science, reading and writing, and thinking and reasoning in order to help ensure that they will be well equipped for tomorrow's challenges and opportunities, providing innovative programming, cutting-edge technology, and vital support truly earning HAFTR's gratitude and appreciation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gruss Life Monument Funds, Inc. and the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Inc. upon the occasion of their designation by the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway (HAFTR) for special tribute at its 35th Annual Dinner on March 10, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gruss Life Monument Funds, Inc. and the Center for Initiatives in Jewish Education, Inc.