

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Laura and Yaron Kornblum upon the occasion of their designation by the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway as the Guests of Honor 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 Laura and Yaron Kornblum upon the occasion of their designation by the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway (HAFTR) as the Guests of Honor 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 in recognition and appreciation of their support of the yeshiva and its mission, as well as of their dedication to Jewish life; this year at its 35th Annual Dinner it will proudly honor Laura and Yaron Kornblum as its Guests of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Laura and Yaron Kornblum reside in Woodmere, New York and are the proud and loving parents of two beautiful children, Amanda and Benjamin; both Laura and Yaron have been devoted to HAFTR and various other charitable organizations; they are committed to their family, to education, and to their community, traits instilled in them by their parents Richard and Virginia Gordimer and Rabbi Shalom and Sara Kornblum; and

WHEREAS, Laura grew up in Tampa, Florida and attended Yeshiva University's Stern College; she subsequently earned a master's degree in English Education from Columbia University's Teachers College; Laura Kornblum has taught in various prominent yeshivot in the tri-state area; she was a creative writing teacher in the HAFTR Middle School for two years before assuming her current position as a 12th grade English instructor at the Torah Academy for Girls; and

WHEREAS, She has, in addition, been involved in numerous PTA committees over the years and in various charitable projects in the community; and

WHEREAS, Yaron Kornblum was raised in Brooklyn and is a graduate of the Yeshiva of Flatbush, The Brooklyn College Scholars Program, and Hofstra Law School; he is a partner in the real estate department of the law firm Rivkin Radler LLP and practices in all areas of commercial real estate throughout the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Yaron Kornblum has served as a Co-President of HAFTR; he continues to serve on the Finance Committee and frequently volunteers his time as legal counsel to the school; he currently also serves as the Chairman of the Gym Committee and was instrumental in the construction of its brand new sports complex; and

WHEREAS, Following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, Yaron co-found-

ed HaftrCares and continues to be active within the HAFTR lay leadership as well as in other charitable organizations in the New York City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Laura and Yaron Kornblum for their dedication and commitment to their heritage and to their community and its children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Laura and Yaron Kornblum upon the occasion of their designation by the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway as the Guests of Honor at its 35th Annual Dinner on March 10, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laura and Yaron Kornblum.