

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Cindy and Jeremy Merrill upon the occasion of their designation as the Community Service Honorees at the 32nd Annual Dinner of Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst on April 14, 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

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 Cindy and Jeremy Merrill upon the occasion of their designation as the Community Service Honorees at the 32nd Annual Dinner of Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst, to be held at Congregation Beth Sholom in Lawrence on Sunday, April 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In honoring Cindy and Jeremy Merrill, Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst (YILC) recognizes a couple who have a long association with the synagogue and pays fitting tribute to them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the shul and the community; and

WHEREAS, Cindy and Jeremy Merrill have been an integral part of Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst since they moved to the Five Towns in 1999 and are providing renewed vitality to the Shul; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after moving in, Jeremy Merrill served as YILC's youth director; subsequently, Cindy and Jeremy with a few other families, and with the help of Rabbi Teitelbaum, started the Young Couples' minyan; Jeremy served as the first gabbai and Cindy arranged social events for the Young Couples' minyan; and

WHEREAS, Recently Cindy Merrill served as one of YILC's sisterhood presidents and Jeremy Merrill remains active in the shul, having recently joined the Youth Committee; and

WHEREAS, Cindy and Jeremy Merrill have been married for 14 years and are the proud parents of seven year old twins Erin and Kayla, who are in second grade at HAFTR, and four year old Sam who will be attending the Tifferet Academy in the Fall; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Merrill grew up in Jamaica Estates, attended Queens College and earned his Master of Business Administration degree from The City University of New York's Baruch College; he has been working in health administration ever since; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Merrill grew up in Woodmere; she attended Yeshiva Universty's Stern College and earned a masters degree in Early and Elementary Education at Adelphi University; she has worked for six years at the HALB Preschool in Hewlett; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these responsibilities, Cindy and Jeremy Merrill currently own the baby gift store Dimples; and

WHEREAS, The shul is the common spiritual home of a congregation; in it rests the heritage of the Jewish people and from it stems the teaching and the practice of its treasured values and traditions; and

WHEREAS, In recognizing Cindy and Jeremy Merrill for their many years of inspirational and devoted service to the synagogue, Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst proudly honors a couple who exemplify the highest aims and ideals of the Young Israel movement, adherence to Torah and mitzvot, maintenance of the traditions of the Jewish people, both at home and in the land of Israel, and commitment to their community and American society; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of their service to Young Israel of

Lawrence-Cedarhurst, Cindy and Jeremy Merrill have exhibited uncommon valor and wisdom; their involvement and leadership have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all their endeavors on behalf of the synagogue; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Cindy and Jeremy Merrill for their dedication and commitment to their community and their heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Cindy and Jeremy Merrill upon the occasion of their designation as the Community Service Honorees at the 32nd Annual Dinner of Young Israel of Lawrence-Cedarhurst on April 14, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cindy and Jeremy Merrill.