

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ian and Marcia Brecher upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Leadership Award by the Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Ian and Marcia Brecher have given not only their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ian and Marcia Brecher upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Leadership Award by the Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center to be celebrated at its Community Gala, on Sunday, May 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious honor is bestowed upon individuals who truly dedicate their lives to supporting the Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center and the entire Oceanside community; and

WHEREAS, The Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center is a hub of Jewish activity in Oceanside, New York; its members come to worship, to sing, to learn, and to celebrate, all in a warm, caring environment with a family touch; and

WHEREAS, Both Marcia and Ian Brecher were born in Brooklyn, New York, and moved to the Five Towns attending rival high schools; while a student at Lawrence High School, Ian Brecher organized his Senior Prom, his first foray into event planning; and

WHEREAS, Marcia and Ian Brecher met as college students at the State University of New York at Albany; Ian majored in Biology, and held the position of President of the State Quad Program Council; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Ian Brecher served as a Purchasing Agent for Star Corrugated Box Company; he then went on to found his own company, Qualirite which provides specialty painting to its clients throughout the Tri-State area; and

WHEREAS, Marcia Brecher majored in both English and French, and studied abroad in Grenoble, France; she then went on to earn her master's degree from Columbia University Teachers College; she served as an English and French Teacher at various Long Island Schools, and taught SAT Preparation classes at Stanley Kaplan for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Ian Brecher has held numerous positions at the Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center, including a member of the Board of Trustees, and the Chair of the Membership Committee for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ian Brecher has been a vital participant of the Executive Board, where he held several titles, such as Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President, Executive Vice President; currently, he serves as President; and

WHEREAS, Ian Brecher also revitalized the Couples Club, and organized many synagogue events; for his numerous contributions to the Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center, he was the recipient of the Men's Club Man of the Year Award in 2009; and

WHEREAS, A leader in the painting industry, Ian Brecher held the positions of both President of the Metro Chapter and the New York State Council of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America; for his stellar service in his field, he was recognized as Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Marcia Brecher is a vital member of the Inclusion Committee, and participated on the Board of Directors of the Central Hebrew High School; and

WHEREAS, Marcia Brecher has been a member of the Sisterhood for many years, holding several titles, including Programming Chair, Social

Secretary, and four years as President; today, she serves as co-President; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman was the recipient of the Woman of Valor Award in 2010, and was selected as Kallah Bereishit; in addition, she celebrated her Adult Bat Mitzvah at the Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their two children, Stacey and Scott (Jackie), and their two granddaughters, Ella and Hillary, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Ian and Marcia Brecher have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ian and Marcia Brecher upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Leadership Award by the Beth Shalom/Oceanside Jewish Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ian and Marcia Brecher.