

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

HONORING Drs. Scott and Laura Danoff upon the occasion of their designation as Guests of Honor at the North Shore Hebrew Academy's Annual Dinner on April 2, 2017

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Drs. Scott and Laura Danoff upon the occasion of their designation as Guests of Honor at the North Shore Hebrew Academy's Annual Dinner on Sunday, April 2, 2017, at the Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation, Old Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, True inspirational visionaries in the Jewish community, Scott and Laura Danoff are beloved for their boundless, warm energy and their passion for the North Shore Hebrew Academy; and

WHEREAS, Laura and Scott Danoff both grew up in Brooklyn, New York, but did not meet until they attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine; the couple moved to Great Neck shortly after graduation, and have become established leaders in their fields of Orthodontics and Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, Laura Danoff runs a busy orthodontics practice in Great Neck, where she is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and Elite provider of Invisalign, among the top five percent in North America; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Danoff was named one of the "Top 25 Women in Dentistry" in 2013, and was recently named a "2017 Woman of Distinction" for her significant career achievements and contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Scott Danoff practices both general dentistry and prosthodontics in his Little Neck office; he is the Chief of Prosthodontics at LIJ Hospital and is a leading dentist for treating those with sleep apnea and snoring issues using dental appliances; he has been listed in **New York Magazines'** "Best Doctors," "Best Dentists in America," and "Who's Who," as well as the **Queens Courier** for professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the NSHA,

Laura Danoff has served on its Board of Trustees, and spearheaded Professional Women's Month at North Shore Hebrew Academy High School; she has also mentored dozens of NSHA students seeking a career in dentistry through internships within her practice; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Laura Danoff is past editor of "Peace of Parsha," a weekly D'var Torah written for the Great Neck Synagogue, and is a frequent speaker and host of a women's "Lunch and Learn," Parshat Ha'Shavua shiur; and

WHEREAS, As President of the Great Neck Synagogue from 2012 to 2014, Scott Danoff worked tirelessly ensuring its growth and success; at NSHA, he organized a student program sending needed medical and dental supplies to Israel; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Scott Danoff provided free dental services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Avid lovers of the outdoors, Scott and Laura Danoff have biked more than 300 miles for Alyn Hospital in Jerusalem and led team Great Neck for five years to raise funds for chronically disabled children; the couple also delivers food before the holidays for Tomchei Shabbos in Queens; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their five children, Jonathan (Danielle), Katie (Nadav), Jaclyn (Michael), Emily (Moshe) and Stephanie (Jonathan), as well as seven grandchildren, Olivia, Jacob, Noa, Morgan, Max, Aura and Yaelle, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Scott and Laura Danoff, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and their respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Drs. Scott and Laura Danoff upon the occasion of their designation as Guests of Honor at the North Shore Hebrew Academy's Annual Dinner on April 2, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Drs. Scott and Laura Danoff.