

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Molly Donelan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration on April 27, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Molly Donelan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, is a day set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding New Yorkers, all Americans, and people around the world of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign; and

WHEREAS, At this auspicious event, Molly Donelan will be recognized for her diligent work in creating a more civil society for the citizens of not only Nassau County, but the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Molly Donelan, a student at Mineola High School, in Mineola, New York, has continually demonstrated her commitment to volunteerism and service; she is an integral part of the Student Service Center, an umbrella organization for many of her school's service programs; and

WHEREAS, The Student Service Center provides service opportunities for students which will help to develop a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and to bring the various cross sections of the community together; and

WHEREAS, Each week, Molly Donelan visits a local nursing home to share conversation and activities with the residents; she is also a regular participant in SPARC, a program which brings urban and suburban high school students together for a service project each month; these projects include serving at a soup kitchen, working on a Habitat for Humanity build and veteran outreach; and

WHEREAS, Molly Donelan has also become a regular participant in the Ronald McDonald House Dinner Project; once a month she travels to the Ronald McDonald House to prepare dinner for the children and families staying at the house; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young woman also serves as a peer tutor, helping students find success in courses that prove difficult for them; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Molly Donelan represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Molly Donelan upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Molly Donelan.