

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Kayla Yim 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 Kayla Yim 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, Kayla Yim 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, Kayla Yim, a student at Carle Place High School, in Carle Place, New York, is a prime example of someone who exemplifies tolerance, understanding and kindness in all facets of her life; she is a dedicated, driven and humble young lady; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Yim's commitment to her school and peers are evident in her active participation in various after-school activities such as: Key Club (PR Rep), theatre productions, Chamber Orchestra, Math Honor Society (Vice President), Tri-M Honor Society (Secretary), National Honor Society, Math Team, Spanish Honor Society, Student Government (Senior Class Secretary) and school newspaper (writer); however, she has truly made her mark in the area of service learning; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young woman has held leadership positions within the Key Club since 2015, and has spent time volunteering at the local Boys and Girls Club as well as the INN Soup Kitchen; she also took part in the Anti-Bullying Walk and has delivered toys to Winthrop University Hospital child life; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Yim has exercised technological creativity through Key Club by making detailed informational videos for various organizations, maintaining the club's website and creating informational flyers for events/charities; these technology tools have been showcased

to the entire high school in order to promote fundraising and service learning for organizations such as: the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, SuperTy (Pediatric Cancer), Tuesday's Children, and the Colette Coyne Melanoma Awareness Campaign (CCMAC); and

WHEREAS, Most recently, Kayla Yim helped organize Carle Place High School's 2017 Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause which raised over \$28,000 for CCMAC; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Yim is a credit to her family, school, community, and her State and Nation, and it is certain that her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; and

WHEREAS, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Kayla Yim 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 Kayla Yim 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 Kayla Yim.