

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING Margaret F. Boorstein upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by North Shore Synagogue on April 28, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of those individuals within the State of New York who give of their time and energies in support of spiritual endeavors which aim to benefit the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Margaret F. Boorstein upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by North Shore Synagogue to be feted at its 65th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Margaret was born to the former Florence Burg and Sy H. Friedman; she grew up in the Manhattan neighborhood of Inwood where she attended New York City public schools; an excellent student, she graduated from the Bronx High School of Science; and

WHEREAS, Margaret F. Boorstein earned her degree in mathematics from Barnard College; during this time, she worked part-time for a market research firm as a coder, and was a camp counselor at Camp Edward Isaacs and a Water Safety Instructor at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Wel-Met Camp In Barryville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Margaret married Joseph Boorstein, and they lived in Washington Heights while she finished graduate school, earning a Ph.D. in geography from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1976, Margaret F. Boorstein began her long and distinguished career in education as an adjunct professor in geography at C.W. Post College; today, after 43 years of service, she is both a full professor and chair of the Earth and Environmental Science Department; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Margaret F. Boorstein successfully led her campus through two 10-year re-accreditation cycles required by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education; she was also instrumental in developing undergraduate and graduate degrees in environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with C.W. Post, Margaret F. Boorstein conducts field studies at our great country's National Parks, and is a consultant for Outcomes Assessment; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Margaret F. Boorstein and her husband bought a house in East Norwich, New York, where they raised their two children; the boys attended North Shore Synagogue's Nursery School, and Oyster Bay High School, where Margaret served as co-President of the PTSA, and

Chair of the Site-Based Team of shared governance with the New York State Department of Education; the boys eventually graduated from North Shore Synagogue Religious School; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her faith and synagogue, Margaret F. Boorstein served as both an officer and trustee, and is a vital member of the Mitzvah and Caring Community, where she makes and organizes the delivery of shiva baskets; and

WHEREAS, When she is not working or helping someone, Margaret F. Boorstein enjoys traveling to baseball stadiums all over the country with her son; she runs almost every morning, and when she finally gets some down time, she enjoys reading a good book and indulging in a piece of chocolate; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Joseph, and their two sons, Douglas and Thomas, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its rich historical past and up to the present day, the North Shore Synagogue has been sustained by the beneficent efforts of countless congregants such as Margaret F. Boorstein, who have generously supported their temple with abundant kindness and good deeds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Margaret F. Boorstein upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by North Shore Synagogue, noting her unremitting commitment, ceaseless devotion and spiritual resolve; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret F. Boorstein.