

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Simrohn Iftekhar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island, at its Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration on April 26, 2018

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 Simrohn Iftekhar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island, at its Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration to be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, 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, Simrohn Iftekhar 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, A student at Floral Park Memorial High School, Simrohn Iftekhar is seen as a very charitable and kindhearted student; recently, she returned from a Sri Lanka mission assisting physicians and patients; she also volunteered with the Smile for Bangladesh mission where she guided patients through all levels of surgery, serving as an assistant to the doctors and as an aide to impoverished patients requiring cleft lip and palate procedures; and

WHEREAS, Simrohn Iftekhar was recognized at the South Asian-American Political Action Committee as a Youth Leader of Tomorrow; she has worked at the Long Island Children's Museum in Uniondale, helping families navigate the facility; and

WHEREAS, Other activities Simrohn Iftekhar has participated in include membership with the Class of 2018 Board, Fashion Club, Hofstra University's Gifted and Talented Program and the Romance Language Club; she aspires to become a surgeon; and

WHEREAS, Simrohn Iftekhar 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, Simrohn Iftekhar 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 Simrohn Iftekhar upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island, at its Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration on April 26, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Simrohn Iftekhar.