

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Jessica Ellis 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 Jessica Ellis 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, Jessica Ellis 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 Westbury High School in Old Westbury, New York, Jessica Ellis holds the title of President of the Student Council; in this capacity, she has been the leader of several committees and serves as an active voice for the student body; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Jessica Ellis volunteers her time and energy to various community organizations including the Boy Scouts, Leukemia Lymphoma fundraising drive, LOVE event, and the District Council Team; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jessica Ellis participates in the LI Youth Summit competition, and helps raise funds for her sister school in Ghana; this compassionate and positive young woman is also a vital member of Interact and SUSS, and is a coordinator for Black History Month and officer of the Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Ellis 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,

Jessica Ellis 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 Jessica Ellis 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 Jessica Ellis.