

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Jahshua Taylor upon the occasion of his 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 Jahshua Taylor upon the occasion of his 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, Jahshua Taylor will be recognized for his 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, Jahshua Taylor was a vital member of the school's first Culinary Arts Program last year; today, he is a leader of the Program, holding the title of Chef Assistant; in this capacity, he helped organize the Industry Advisory Board, and various district and wellness events, Westbury Assisted Living events, and teacher training activities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Culinary Arts Program, Jahshua Taylor was the Master of Ceremonies at his school's African American History Month Celebration; he also represented Westbury High School at both the NAACP Black History Month Celebration and the Westbury Public Library African American Read-in Celebration; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man also enlists his classmates in civic initiatives such as a letter writing campaign for gun control and school voter registration; and

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

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his commitment to others, Jahshua Taylor 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 Jahshua Taylor upon the occasion of his 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 Jahshua Taylor.