

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Rebecca Golden 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 Rebecca Golden 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, Rebecca Golden 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 senior at Temple Sinai in Roslyn Heights, New York, Rebecca Golden is dedicated to her synagogue community and is a respected leader among her peers; she serves as Teen Coordinator in Temple Sinai's Hand in Hand program which pairs 25 teenagers from the synagogue with 50 children living in homeless shelters in New York City; the children travel to Roslyn Heights where they interact with a group of enthusiastic and kind teenagers who are truly happy to spend time with them; and

WHEREAS, In addition to helping her fellow New Yorkers, Rebecca Golden enjoys making a difference in other countries around the world; during the last two summers, she and a group of teenagers traveled to Central and South America to help the local people; and

WHEREAS, While the group was in Costa Rica, Rebecca Golden supported a local high school which teaches vocational skills to the students, and during a trip to Ecuador, she hiked up a 1.3 mile trek to the work site where she focused on various clean water initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Golden 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, Rebecca Golden 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 Rebecca Golden 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 Rebecca Golden.