

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMENDING Evan Gitlitz 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 Evan Gitlitz 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, Evan Gitlitz 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 Temple Sinai in Roslyn Heights, New York, Evan Gitlitz has dedicated the last three years of his life to serving in a teen program which provides monthly meals and hygiene products to homeless people on the streets of New York City; and

WHEREAS, Throughout this valuable program, Evan Gitlitz has truly learned that each and every person on this planet has value, and deserves to be supported and treated with dignity; and

WHEREAS, Evan Gitlitz also helped found Project Brasilito, an organization which assists a school in Costa Rica which is dealing with the aftermath of a massive earthquake; this kind and generous young man proves that a single person can change the world with a positive attitude and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Evan Gitlitz 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, Evan Gitlitz 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 Evan Gitlitz 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 Evan Gitlitz.