

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the
Schechter School of Long Island on March 30, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Schechter School of Long Island, to be celebrated on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation, Old Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Schechter School of Long Island is a vibrant Kindergarten through grade 12 Jewish Day School whose dual curriculum of excellence educates and empowers its students to be critical thinkers, ethical leaders, and globally engaged citizens, striving to achieve their full potential and ensuring a vibrant Jewish future; and

WHEREAS, Powered by a curriculum of Torah, Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (T-STEAM), students see links between Maimonides and mathematics, Socrates and social justice, Torah and technology, anthropology, art and athletics, Hebrew language and history; and

WHEREAS, The Schechter School of Long Island is a true community where every child feels valued and develops deep empathy; students also gain a powerful unified sense of themselves as citizens and as leaders, as Zionists and Patriots, ready and excited to engage the world; and

WHEREAS, The Schechter School of Long Island's reputation for primary and middle school excellence began in 1967, with the high school opening its doors in 1994 to great acclaim; its students achieve the highest standards and gain acceptance to some of our nation's finest colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, While taking on great academic and intellectual challenges, the students of the Schechter School of Long Island live out the Jewish ideal described by its namesake, 19th century scholar Rabbi Solomon Schechter, that "Judaism permeates the whole of your life"; and

WHEREAS, At the Schechter School of Long Island, the morals, ethics and beliefs of a dynamic Jewish life are core to its students' intellectual, social and spiritual growth, compassion for community, love for Israel and the Jewish people, and commitment to social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Through its long and sustained commitment to excellence in educational endeavor, the Schechter School of Long Island has so clearly

advanced that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the unalterable manifestation of our American experience; and

WHEREAS, The schools of a community mirror the character and values of the society in which they function; the residents, Board of Education, administration, faculty and students of Schechter School of Long Island may justifiably take great pride in its past achievements, present recognition and legacy of excellence afforded to future generations of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Schechter School of Long Island, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment and the significance of its accomplishments in preparing the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schechter School of Long Island.