

BY: Senator KAPLAN

COMMENDING Leo S. Ullman 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 May 5, 2022

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Leo S. Ullman 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 via Zoom on Thursday, May 5, 2022; 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, Leo S. Ullman was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in July of 1939; after surviving the horrors of World War II, he emigrated to the United States with his family to start a new life in Port Washington, New York, where he still resides; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Harvard College and Columbia University's Graduate Schools of Law and Business, Leo S. Ullman proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Leo S. Ullman practiced law for 30 years, and has formed several successful real estate ownership and management companies; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Leo S. Ullman detailed his harrowing experiences during World War II in his book, **796 Days: Hiding as a Child in Occupied Amsterdam During WWII and Then Coming to America**, a mesmerizing first-person story of a young Jewish boy hidden by complete strangers for over two years, while his parents hid in an attic elsewhere, not knowing where their son was or if he was alive; and

WHEREAS, The book also tells the stories of other family members and their miraculous survival through unique photos, documents and correspondence, as well as historical context; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his book, Leo S. Ullman has kept the Jewish

history alive by serving as the Director of the Anne Frank Center USA for two decades and as Chairman for seven years, and Chairman of the Foundation for the Jewish Historical Museum of Amsterdam; and

WHEREAS, Leo S. Ullman and his wife Kay co-sponsored the exhibit "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda" at the United States National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, where he also served as a member of the Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefits of others which Leo S. Ullman has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize Leo S. Ullman for the courage and fortitude he has displayed throughout the years of his life; with his tremendous pride for his heritage, and his ceaseless work against hate and prejudice, he has benefited the world in immeasurable ways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Leo S. Ullman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island, at its Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leo S. Ullman.