

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Avi Posnick upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rabs Award by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island

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 honor Avi Posnick upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rabs Award by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island to be celebrated 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, Avi Posnick is the Managing Director for StandWithUs in the Northeast, an education organization that supports people around the world who want to educate their campuses and communities about Israel; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2001, StandWithUs empowers and energizes students and communities with leadership training and educational programs on hundreds of college campuses, high schools, and middle schools; this vital organization informs through social media, print and digital materials, films, weekly newsletters and missions to Israel; and

WHEREAS, Avi Posnick is truly proud to be a part of this international and non-partisan Israel education organization that inspires and educates people of all ages and backgrounds, challenges misinformation and fights antisemitism; and

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to recognize Avi Posnick 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

honoring Avi Posnick upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Rabs Award by the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Avi Posnick.