

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Joanne Silverman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Miriam Award by UJA Long Island Women and Hope Against Domestic Violence

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joanne Silverman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Miriam Award by UJA Long Island Women and Hope Against Domestic Violence, to be celebrated at its Spring Event on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at the Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Silverman is receiving this prestigious award for her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her community; she is truly proud to be a part of this vital organization which strives to support women and families facing poverty and domestic violence and nurtures mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Silverman grew up on Long Island and attended Roslyn public schools; after graduating from Northwestern University, she worked at Marine Midland Bank in the real estate finance division; after two years, she joined her family business, Bronstein Properties, working full time until the arrival of her children, and continues to be actively involved assisting in the management of the company's real estate portfolio; and

WHEREAS, Growing up, Joanne Silverman's parents instilled the commitment to giving back to the community; following in her parents' footsteps, she has volunteered her time and energies to numerous events at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation and was co-chair of the education committee; and

WHEREAS, Through her valuable work at the synagogue, Joanne Silverman was introduced to UJA-Federation where she became involved in various hands-on opportunities and taught her children the importance of tzedakah; over the years, she has co-chaired numerous events including Summerfest, Spring Event, Family Helping Families, Supplies for Success, and Family Mitzvah Day; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Joanne Silverman is a Lion of Judah and a member of the Long Island Women's Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Silverman has traveled on several UJA missions to learn about the Jewish community in other parts of the world and through the Sid Jacobson JCC she delivers food packages to local families in need; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Scott, and their two children, Jamie and Max, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joanne Silverman upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Miriam Award by UJA Long Island Women and Hope Against Domestic Violence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joanne Silverman.