

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Andrew Malekoff upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of distinguished service to North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals, such as Andrew Malekoff who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew Malekoff upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of distinguished service to North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center; and

WHEREAS, For the more than four decades, Andrew Malekoff rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center is Long Island's premiere children's mental health agency; it is a rare thing for a person to devote their entire career to one organization and one mission; Andrew Malekoff is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Malekoff, joined the Guidance Center as an intern in 1977; as a clinician, he gave his all to every client, offering compassion, creativity and wise counsel; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Andrew Malekoff became Executive Director/CEO of the North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center, continuing a distinguished record of leadership and innovation; furthermore, he created many of the agency's most successful programs, always facing challenges with strength and grace; and

WHEREAS, While many agencies were bought up by huge conglomerates and became factory-like in their approach, Andrew Malekoff's dedication prevented the Guidance Center from ever veering from their mission to provide community-based mental health care to all that entered their doors; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Malekoff was instrumental in organizing the development of the Guidance Center's substance use treatment and prevention program, which made it the first organization on Long Island to be awarded an Outpatient Chemical Dependency for Youth License to treat adolescents; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Andrew Malekoff was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; in an extraordinary career which traversed more than four decades he served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Andrew Malekoff has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Andrew Malekoff, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andrew Malekoff upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of distinguished service to North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Malekoff.