

BY: Senator PERSAUD

HONORING Barbara Stein upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Madison Jewish Center of Brooklyn, New York, on May 9, 2021

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State is greatly enriched by its religious institutions and the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions and individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara Stein upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Madison Jewish Center of Brooklyn, New York, to be recognized at its 90th Anniversary Journal Celebration on Sunday, May 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1931 and located in the heart of Brooklyn, the Madison Jewish Center (MJC) has proudly served the Madison, Marine Park, Sheepshead Bay and Midwood communities for nine decades; each year at its Anniversary Journal Celebration, MJC proudly honors members such as Barbara Stein in recognition of their enduring and outstanding service to the synagogue; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Stein was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, where she learned through her experiences that a happy and full life consists of family, faith, education and community; and

WHEREAS, Barbara and her husband, Barry, found a home in Marine Park, and were impressed with Madison Jewish Center's vibrant and welcoming Conservative Jewish community; their children Scott and Allyson attended Hebrew School there; and

WHEREAS, A retired New York City school teacher, Barbara Stein is steadfastly committed to giving back to the community; she wholeheartedly believes in Tikkun Olam, a basic, timeless idea in Jewish theology that human beings are responsible for completing God's creation and improving the world, and encourages the next generation to do the same; and

WHEREAS, A vital member of the MJC community, Barbara Stein has served in many capacities over the years, including as President from 2017-2019, during which time she was instrumental in the increase in Shabbat attendance and in the positivity, which was felt by all during the Egalitarian Conservative services; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, under the able leadership of Barbara Stein, there was a greater awareness of Madison within the Brooklyn community due to new programming, signage and advertisements of events in the new outdoor showcases; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Barbara Stein has been a past PA President and has acted as the Annual Fashion Show Coordinator for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Barbara Stein has displayed throughout her 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 Barbara Stein, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barbara Stein upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Madison Jewish Center of Brooklyn, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara Stein.