

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jessica Haller upon the occasion of her designation by the Riverdale Jewish Community Council as the recipient of an Andrew Zucker Jewish Community Service Award at its Legislative and Awards Breakfast on March 15, 2009

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in the Empire State are greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their faith, heritage and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend Jessica Haller upon the occasion of her designation by the Riverdale Jewish Community Council as the recipient of an Andrew Zucker Jewish Community Service Award at its 25th Annual Legislative and Awards Breakfast, to be held at the Riverdale YM-YWHA on Sunday, March 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1978, the Riverdale Jewish Community Council (RJCC) serves as the umbrella organization for more than 50 area synagogues and Jewish organizations; it works to enrich Jewish communal life and acts as an advocate for and representative of the Riverdale/Kingsbridge Jewish community to New York City governmental and Jewish communal organizations; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Legislative and Awards Breakfast, the Riverdale Jewish Community Council proudly pays tribute to organizations and individuals who have distinguished themselves in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, As Chief Operating Officer of Svante, a green technology start-up, Jessica Haller works to solve global environmental issues with a focus on Riverdale; and

WHEREAS, Also, through the Riverdale Jewish Center, she introduced Green Tips, a program widely used by area schools and synagogues which provides practical ways for people to improve the environment and, working with former Vice President Al Gore's Climate Project, she has made numerous presentations to local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Haller is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional and earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Columbia University as well as a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Haller and her husband Chad, an eye doctor, are the proud parents of a daughter, Leila, and a son, Avery, and have resided in Riverdale since 2000; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Riverdale Jewish Community Council and to applaud Jessica Haller upon the occasion of her designation by the Council as the recipient of an Andrew Zucker Jewish Community Service Award at its 25th Annual Legislative and Awards Breakfast on March 15, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jessica Haller.