

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Herb and Marilyn Holland upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2011 Circle of Humanity Award by the Temple Israel of Albany on May 5, 2011

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Herb and Marilyn Holland have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Herb and Marilyn Holland upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2011 Circle of Humanity Award by the Temple Israel of Albany to be celebrated at its annual Awards Dinner at Temple Israel in Albany, New York, on Thursday, May 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award is presented to individuals and institutions who reach out to others and who devote themselves to making a positive difference in their community and beyond; Herb and Marilyn Holland epitomize this definition; and

WHEREAS, Both Marilyn and Herb Holland are graduates of New York State College for Teachers; Marilyn went on to manage the office of an automobile parts store chain for several years; Herb was a social studies teacher, a middle school principal, and a high school principal, and later went on to join the State Education Department and serve as the Chief of the Bureau of School Registration; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from State service, Herb Holland joined the adjunct faculty of the College of Saint Rose; he has also served as a Member of the Education Committee of the Maimonides Hebrew Day School, and as Commander of Post 105 of the Jewish War Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Herb and Marilyn Holland have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Herb and Marilyn Holland have been active members of Temple Israel for the past fifty years; together they helped to found and lead two social clubs for young married couples as well as helped to start two Chavurot; and

WHEREAS, Both Herb and Marilyn Holland have been Presidents of the Hebrew School's Parent-Teacher Association, as well as were recipients of the Men's Club Yasher Koach Award; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn has worked in the Sisterhood gift shop, has performed with Arazim, Temple Israel's dance group, and is a life member of Hadasah; Herb served on the Temple's Board and also served as Vice President of the congregation, President of the Men's Club, and Chairman of the Cemetery Committee; together they have chaired concerts including that of Naomi Shemer; and

WHEREAS, Herb was Chairman of the Bingo Committee and continues to be a bingo worker; while Marilyn was in charge of the bingo food kitchen for many years, she still volunteers weekly as well as coordinates others to work each Monday night; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their wonderful children, Sheryl, Lynn, David, Debra, and the late Stephen, as well as their seven loving grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Herb and Marilyn Holland have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the wellbeing 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 Herb and Marilyn Holland upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2011 Circle of Humanity Award by the Temple Israel of Albany on May 5, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Herb and Marilyn Holland.