LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Maimonides Hebrew Day School on June 5, 2012

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, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Maimonides Hebrew Day School, to be celebrated at its 32nd Annual Scholarship Dinner, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Queens College and SUNY at Binghamton, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser obtained a master's degree and later, a PhD in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany, SUNY; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser serves as a Program Research Specialist for the New York State Department of Correctional Services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser has been a strong advocate for the Capital Region Maimonides Day School for many years; and

WHEREAS, A concerned citizen, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser became a strong voice and advocate for safety and gun control; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser has also voiced his concerns over political events which are held when people of various faiths, due to religious observance, cannot participate; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Rutherford Hayes Leadership Award, and the Public Service Award from the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Maxine, their four children, and their spouses, as well as their grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser has displayed throughout his life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Maimonides Hebrew Day School on June 5, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Leonard Morgenbesser.