Senate Resolution No. 1013

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the 18th Anniversary of the Jewish Children's Museum

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality of life of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 18th Anniversary of the Jewish Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, In the late fall of 1986, the founders of the Jewish Children's Museum held its first Jewish Children's Expo, which started the journey which would lead to the Jewish Children's Museum; the Expo turned 30,000 square feet of the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City into a wonderland of Jewish experiences; over 30,000 people visited the first Jewish Children's Expo, a four-day event; and

WHEREAS, The multi-media Jewish Children's Museum, the first of its kind in the world, opened in 2004 on Brooklyn's Museum Row at the corner of Eastern Parkway and Kingston Avenue in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The heart of the museum is in the galleries which occupy the third and fourth of the building's six floors where visitors encounter an array of exhibits and displays covering Jewish history and heroes, holidays and customs, the Holocaust, and contemporary Jewish life; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish Children's Museum is an institution where children and their parents from all segments of the community can explore their history and heritage in a stimulating, interactive environment; it also provides the non-Jewish world with a forum for understanding the Jewish community and its contributions to history and culture; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Jewish Children's Museum is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated staff and board, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 18th Anniversary of the Jewish Children's Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jewish Children's Museum.