Senate Resolution No. 554

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the Anniversary celebration of the Birthday of the revered Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson

WHEREAS, The true architects of society and community are those individuals whose faith and unremitting commitment serve to sustain the spiritual and cultural values of life; the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson was surely such an individual; and

WHEREAS, World Jewry is now celebrating the 121st birthday of the renowned and revered leader of World Jewry, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson; and

WHEREAS, Serving over 44 years of dedicated leadership, Rabbi Schneerson established over 1,500 Lubavitch Centers, helping people of all walks of life throughout the world -- from Australia to Africa, from Holland to Argentina, from Moscow to Mumbai; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schneerson's educational activities throughout the globe have enriched and strengthened the religious, educational, cultural and ethical fibers of all citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, He was a remarkable and holy man who inspired millions of Jews and non-Jews to greater dedication, loyalty and commitment in all matters "between man and G-d" and "between man and man"; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schneerson proclaimed the Redemption was on its way and he called upon all citizens of the world to prepare with a personal commitment to increase all activities of goodness and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Today, in the United States of America, the Chabad Lubavitch movement has institutions in every State of the Union; and

WHEREAS, Globally, the Chabad Lubavitch movement operates over 5,000 centers in over 1,000 cities in 102 countries all over the world; and

WHEREAS, During the last 83 years, since 1940, the Chabad Lubavitch movement has their World Headquarters in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This year, Sunday, April 2, 2023, corresponding to 11 Nissan, 5782, the Rebbe's 121st birthday, to Sunday, July 31, 2023, corresponding to 13 Av, 5783 celebrated as "121 Days of Education," in tribute to the educational endeavors of this visionary leader and learned gentleman on behalf of all mankind; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his purposeful journey of life, Rabbi Schneerson compiled, with dignity and grace, decades filled with philanthropic causes, humanitarian effort and astute Judaic leadership, justly earning the devotion of his followers and the admiration and respect of his fellow man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the traditional observance of the Anniversary of the Birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, and to recognize April 2, 2023 to July 31, 2023, as "121 Days of Education" in tribute to the educational endeavors of the beloved Rebbe; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Shmuel M. Butman, Director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization.