

Senate Resolution No. 1001

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Roberta Cooperman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Port Jewish Center on June 14, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of exceptional character and commitment whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and across the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Roberta Cooperman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Port Jewish Center at its Annual Gala, "Fueling Our Future," on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Harbor Links in Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Port Jewish Center is recognizing the dedicated leaders of its committees whose tireless efforts ensure the Center's spiritual, financial, and physical vitality; through their work, these committed congregants uphold the core tenets of Reform Judaism—pursuing justice, fostering community, caring for others, and repairing the world—thus safeguarding the Center's mission and lasting presence for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Cooperman has been a devoted member of the Port Jewish Center for 37 years, during which time she has exemplified steadfast dedication, leadership, and service to the congregation and broader community; and

WHEREAS, As co-chair of the Security Committee, Roberta Cooperman has played a pivotal role in enhancing the safety and protection of the Port Jewish Center during a time of rising anti-Semitism across the nation; under her leadership, the Center applied for and received competitive State and Federal grants totaling \$300,000, enabling a comprehensive overhaul of its security systems and protocols; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Cooperman, together with fellow co-chair Ilise Friedman, has devoted countless hours to the meticulous implementation of these grant-funded projects, ensuring not only their success but also the full reimbursement of all related costs, a process requiring tremendous diligence, patience, and persistence; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her recent work in security, Roberta Cooperman has long been a committed leader within the Port Jewish Center, having previously served as co-chair of the Religious School and as a Trustee on the Center's Board, thereby contributing to the growth and stability of its educational and governance programs; and

WHEREAS, Through her unwavering dedication and collaborative spirit, Roberta Cooperman has helped create a safer, stronger, and more

resilient Port Jewish Center, securing its physical safety for the present and future while setting a powerful example of volunteer leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a devoted and diligent individual, whose tireless efforts and selfless contributions benefit so many and reflect the highest ideals of civic and communal responsibility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Roberta Cooperman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Port Jewish Center, and to extend its sincere appreciation for her extraordinary service and enduring contributions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roberta Cooperman.