Senate Resolution No. 1002

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Marsha Appel 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 Marsha Appel 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, Marsha Appel has been a devoted member of the Port Jewish Center for 33 years, and has served as an unwavering pillar of its community through her outstanding leadership and generous service; and

WHEREAS, As Chair of the Social Action Committee, Marsha Appel has led numerous initiatives benefiting the broader Port Washington community, including the High Holiday Food Drive, the Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program, and the provision of Passover foods to food-insecure Jewish families, ensuring that the values of compassion and justice remain at the forefront of the Center's outreach; and

WHEREAS, Beyond her work in social action, Marsha Appel has further enriched the life of the congregation through her roles as a Board Trustee and leader of the Adult Education and Book Club programs; she has also spearheaded two highly successful Book Sales, enhancing educational and cultural engagement within the community; and

WHEREAS, Through her many contributions, Marsha Appel has significantly strengthened the presence and impact of the Port Jewish Center both within its congregation and throughout the wider Port Washington community; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate and committed individual, who so generously and faithfully serves others, and whose life and work serve to inspire all those privileged to know and work with her; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marsha Appel.