

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Yael Licht 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 Yael Licht 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, Yael Licht has been an active and engaged member of the Port Jewish Center for just two years, and in that short time, she has made a tremendous impact on the congregation through her leadership and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Yael Licht has taken on the leadership of both the Caring Committee and the Religious School Committee, stepping up to ensure that the needs of the community are met and the spiritual education of the next generation is nurtured; and

WHEREAS, As leader of the Caring Committee, Yael Licht coordinates meals and visits for Port Jewish Center members in need, fostering a spirit of compassion, kindness, and connection within the congregation; her efforts ensure that no member of the community feels isolated or unsupported; and

WHEREAS, As chair of the Religious School Committee, Yael Licht serves as a liaison among the rabbi, the religious school director, and class parents, strengthening the connections between religious school families and the congregation as a whole; through her tireless efforts, the engagement of families has grown, ensuring that the Port Jewish Center's youth are both spiritually grounded and actively involved in the community; and

WHEREAS, The work Yael Licht and her committees do today is shaping the future of the Port Jewish Center and the wider community, instilling

values of empathy, service, and responsibility in our next generation; her contributions ensure that the children of today will grow into compassionate and engaged citizens of the world tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a dedicated and hardworking individual, whose remarkable contributions in such a short time have made an enduring impact on the Port Jewish Center and its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Yael Licht 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 tireless efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Yael Licht.