Senate Resolution No. 997

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Eric Kaufman upon the occasion of his 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 Eric Kaufman upon the occasion of his 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, Eric Kaufman has been a valued member of the Port Jewish Center since 2022, and his dedication and service have quickly made a significant impact on the congregation; and

WHEREAS, In the past year, Eric Kaufman joined the Board of Trustees and stepped into the vital role of Treasurer, where his professional background in accounting has been instrumental in supporting the financial management of the Port Jewish Center; and

WHEREAS, As co-chair of the Budget/Finance Committee alongside Matt Kepke, Eric Kaufman has played a key role in establishing and overseeing the annual budget for the Port Jewish Center, ensuring that the organization's finances are in line with its mission and vision; together, they predict the necessary funds to support operations, pay staff, run programs, and maintain the building, while also balancing revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, The responsibilities of this committee are both significant and complex, requiring foresight, planning, and strategic thinking; Eric Kaufman's expertise and leadership ensure that the Port Jewish Center remains financially stable and well-prepared for the future, supporting its continued growth and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Through his work on the Budget/Finance Committee, Eric Kaufman is helping to secure the financial health of the Port Jewish Center, enabling it to continue its important work and fulfill its

mission for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a dedicated, thoughtful, and skilled individual, whose contributions are crucial to the future of the Port Jewish Center and its ability to serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eric Kaufman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Port Jewish Center, and to extend its sincere appreciation for his exceptional service and lasting contributions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric Kaufman.