Assembly Resolution No. 473

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HONORING the life and legacy of HaRav Schwab zt"l's

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, HaRav Moshe Gedalia Schwab zt"l, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva Degel HaTorah and Mesivta Maamar Mordechai in Monsey, New York, was a revered leader, educator and spiritual guide to countless individuals in his community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, HaRav Schwab zt"l, a son of Rav Mordechai Menachem Schwab zt"l, the mashgiach of Mesivta Bais Shraga, dedicated his life to the pursuit of Torah learning and spiritual growth, becoming a beacon of wisdom and humility; and

WHEREAS, Under his visionary leadership, Yeshiva Degel HaTorah flourished, producing generations of exemplary b'nei Torah who continue to contribute to the growth of the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, HaRav Schwab zt"l's teachings on Jewish prayer, co-authored with his father in the book "Rav Schwab on Prayer," have left an indelible mark on the Jewish world, guiding many to a deeper understanding of their relationship with Hashem; and

WHEREAS, HaRav Schwab zt"l's leadership extended beyond his role as a Rosh Yeshiva, as he played an integral part in many communal activities, providing counsel, comfort and guidance to all who sought his wisdom; and

WHEREAS, HaRav Schwab zt"l devoted the later years of his life to fearlessly defending Torah-true education, traveling to Albany, New York to meet with government officials and speak out in support of the Orthodox Jewish education system, ensuring its continued growth and preservation; and

WHEREAS, HaRav Schwab zt"l's passing on March 28, 2025, leaves a void in the hearts of his family, his talmidim and the broader Jewish community, but his legacy will continue to inspire and guide future generations; and

WHEREAS, HaRav Schwab zt"l is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah K. Schwab; their children, R'Eli, R'Avrohom Dovid, R'Asher, R'Yechezkal, R'Yehoshua, R'Dov, R'Mordechai, Mrs. Rivka Birnhack, Mrs. Miriam Kamenetsky, Mrs. Elisheva Kotler and Mrs. Etty Bilius; and many grandchildren, all of whom carry on his legacy in their lives and work; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, HaRav Schwab zt"l leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the life, legacy, and contributions of HaRav Moshe Gedalia Schwab zt"l; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of HaRav Schwab zt"l's.