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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sheila Friedland upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Westchester Jewish Council

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Friedland, of White Plains, New York, has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sheila Friedland upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Westchester Jewish Council to be celebrated at its 35th Anniversary Gala at Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains, New York, on Saturday, February 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Serving on the staff of the Jewish Museum in New York from 1982 to 1994, Sheila Friedland's work in the education department included helping to create family programming, a children's activity room, programs for day school students, summer institutes for Jewish educators, and award winning programs for public and private school students; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Friedland served as Executive Director of Westchester Jewish Conference (WJC) from 1996 to 2003; under her luminous direction the organization became a vital player in enriching and strengthening Jewish life in Westchester; and

WHEREAS, During Sheila Friedland's years leading WJC, synagogues of

all denominations were encouraged to work together and with other organizations on collaborative programming and marketing, information sharing, and responding to local and communal issues; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Friedland has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Friedland is particularly proud of her work with Project Keshet, a Jewish women's organization and one of the fastest growing social activist organizations in several countries of the former Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Friedland has been a devoted member of Temple Israel Center for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Sheila Friedland has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her loving husband, Bob, their three wonderful sons and their six adoring grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sheila Friedland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sheila Friedland, White Plains, New York.