

## 2013-J897

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Jewish Child Care Association upon the occasion of hosting its Celebration of Hope event

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Jewish Child Care Association upon the occasion of hosting its Celebration of Hope event on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at Capitale in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Serving children and families of all faiths and backgrounds, the Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA) is a comprehensive child and family services agency that works with many, including children who have been neglected or abused, immigrant Jewish families, and those building new lives; and

WHEREAS, JCCA, a not-for-profit, comprehensive, multicultural agency, has been serving children and families since 1822; its programs in New York City, Westchester County and Long Island include: group and family day care, mental health and preventive services, education programs, a residential diagnostic center, foster homes, group homes and residential services for children and adolescents, preventive services, independent living skills training, adoption programs, and services to the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, JCCA helps more than 16,000 children and families every year and is consistently rated at the highest levels for the quality of its programs; its mission is to meet the child welfare and mental health

needs of all children and their families in the New York metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, JCCA's highly trained, dedicated staff works collaboratively with families to build on their strengths, preserve the family when possible, and help create new families when necessary so that all children may thrive by having a sense of family, culture and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Jewish Child Care Association upon the occasion of hosting its Celebration of Hope event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jewish Child Care Association.