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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Shelley and Gary Katz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by being named Guests of Honor at the 42nd Annual Testimonial Dinner of the Young Israel of Plainview

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals and organizations of remarkable integrity and character who distinguish themselves in service to their faith and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Shelley and Gary Katz upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by being named Guests of Honor at the 42nd Annual Testimonial Dinner of the Young Israel of Plainview, to be held on March 1, 2014 at the Jericho Jewish Center; and WHEREAS, Gary Katz, Co-Founder of the International Securities Exchange (ISE), currently serves as its President and Chief Executive Officer; his wife, Shelley, is a homemaker and a graduate of Stern College for Women and Queens College; and WHEREAS, Married in 1987, Shelley and Gary Katz have been active members of the Young Israel of Plainview community for over 20 years; Shelley served ably as Chair of the Sisterhood Meals Committee and is an active fundraiser and coordinator for synagogue events; Gary has acted as Chair of the Expansion Committee and also Co-Chair of he New Family Initiative: and

WHEREAS, They both have given of themselves unstintingly to numerous

civic and charitable activities, including the Ronald McDonald House, Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, and Autism Speaks; and WHEREAS, Gary and Shelley Katz are the proud parents of four children, Elisha, Gabrielle, Dylan and Mathew, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Gary and Shelley Katz have displayed throughout their lives; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Shelley and Gary Katz upon the occasion of being named Guests of Honor at the 42nd Annual Testimonial Dinner of the Young Israel of Plainview on March 1, 2014; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary and Shelley Katz.