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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Elaine and Gerry Gross upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Young Israel of Plainview, New York

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Elaine and Gerry Gross upon this auspicious occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Young Israel of Plainview, Inc., to be celebrated at its 42nd Annual Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at the Jericho Jewish Center; and

WHEREAS, Elaine and Gerry Gross have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Gross holds two Master's degrees from Queens College and recently retired after 44 years in education, 15 of which, serving at the Hebrew Academy of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, Gerry Gross is a graduate of the New York Institute of Technology and currently serves as Facilities Manager at Jamaica Hospital; and

WHEREAS, They have been members of the Young Israel of Plainview for 34 years, seemingly holding close to every position; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Elaine and Gerry Gross have been strongly active at the Hebrew Academy of Nassau since 1980; Elaine served as Vice President of the PTA, ran 6th grade Shabbatons, and was an esteemed member of the Board of Education; Gerry served as the Plainview Coordinator for the Orthodox Little League for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, In their long association with the Young Israel of Plainview,

Elaine and Gerry Gross have had the pleasure of having hundreds of guests over for Shabbos and have taken joy in the warmth and camaraderie of their friends in the community; and

WHEREAS, Happily married for 43 years, Elaine and Gerry Gross are the proud parents of three sons, David (Sarah), Benny (Amira), Joey (Monique); and the loving grandparents of six grandchildren, Sammy, Abby, Ellie, Yisroel Meir, Bayla, and Yehuda, all of whom feel privileged be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievement; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Elaine and Gerry Gross have displayed throughout lives of service to the Plainview Jewish community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elaine and Gerry Gross upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Young Israel of Plainview, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elaine and Gerry Gross.