

## 2013-J4099

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the memory of Sammy Cohen Eckstein, and commending his parents, Amy Cohen and Gary Eckstein for their tireless advocacy efforts

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those dedicated individuals who work diligently to ensure the safety and security of all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to recognize the tireless determination of Amy Cohen and Gary Eckstein to reduce accidental traffic deaths in the State of New York, in memory of their son, Sammy Cohen Eckstein; and

WHEREAS, On October 8, 2013, 12-year-old Sammy Cohen Eckstein was tragically struck by a van and killed in Park Slope, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The immense sense of grief and loss caused by the death of their son solidified Amy and Gary's desire to ensure that no parent would have to endure the kind of all-encompassing anguish which follows the loss of a child to a preventable accident such as Sammy's; and

WHEREAS, Amy Cohen and Gary Eckstein have channeled their grief into a remarkable movement designed to reduce traffic-related fatalities to zero in the City of New York, pouring a massive amount of time and energy into advocacy and into outreach to families who have suffered similar losses; and

WHEREAS, Amy Cohen and Gary Eckstein's willingness to serve as public faces for this movement, despite the tragic loss of their son, is inspiring and commendable, and serves as a reminder of the potential of any dedicated person to effect change in the lives of millions and provide hope and comfort to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Through their advocacy work, Sammy's legacy will live on,

touching the lives of many New Yorkers and making the streets of the Empire State safer for children and adults alike; and  
WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Amy Cohen and Gary Eckstein have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the memory of Sammy Cohen Eckstein, and to commend his parents, Amy Cohen and Gary Eckstein for their tireless advocacy efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Amy Cohen, Gary Eckstein, Sammy's loving grandmother Joan Dean, and the rest of his family.