

## 2013-K1193

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Roberta and The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy upon the occasion of being named Couple of the Year by the Madison Jewish Center

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State is greatly enriched by its religious institutions and the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions and individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Roberta and The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy upon the occasion of being named Couple of the Year by the Madison Jewish Center; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Madison Jewish Center in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1931, Madison Jewish Center (MJC) is located in the heart of Brooklyn in the Madison neighborhood; for 83 years, it has proudly served the Madison, Marine Park, Sheepshead Bay and Midwood communities; and

WHEREAS, Each year at its Anniversary Journal Celebration, MJC proudly honors members in recognition of their enduring and outstanding service to the synagogue; and

WHEREAS, An important part of MJC for over 50 years, Roberta and The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, Roberta Harkavy is a retired teacher and former administrative assistant at Brooklyn College; for many years, she has served admirably as Corresponding Secretary for the MJC Social Club and Chairperson of the Adult Education Committee, as well as a choir member; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy is a former New York State Supreme Court Justice with 26 years of service in the New York State Court System; he has served graciously as President, Secretary and administrative board member of MJC, as well as chairperson of the High Holiday Committee and member of the Ritual and Legal Committees; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Roberta and The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which this remarkable couple have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Roberta and The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy upon the occasion of being named Couple of the Year by the Madison Jewish Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Roberta and The Honorable Ira B. Harkavy.