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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Wilma Machover upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Hoff-Barthelson Music School's 25th Annual Festival of Contemporary Music, "Celebration 2014: The Music of Our Time"

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those leaders in music education whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing programs and professionals, and who distinguish themselves through their ability to inspire their students to achieve excellence in musical performance; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wilma Machover upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Hoff-Barthelson Music School's 25th Annual Festival of Contemporary Music, "Celebration 2014: The Music of Our Time;" to be held May 12-18, 2014, in Scarsdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Machover is the Director of Artistic Programs at the Hoff-Barthelson Music School, and a member of its piano faculty; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable educator is the Founder and has been the Music Director of the school's contemporary music festival, "Celebration: Music of Our Time"; now in its twenty-fifth year, the program has become an integral part of the Music School's annual Festivals in Style, and features performances by students, faculty, and special guests; and

WHEREAS, Under her aegis as Director of Artistic Programs, Wilma Machover also created several educational programs designed to enhance the teaching skills and methodology of music professionals throughout Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, This supremely gifted music educator created the Summer Arts Advisory and College Advisory to assist parents in their research of camps and colleges for their children as well as the Practice Project to aid parents in guiding their children's musical growth; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to creating opportunities for development for the students in her charge, Wilma Machover developed an artistic collaboration between Aaron Copland House and the Hoff-Barthelson Music School composition department which resulted in the annual HB Compose Yourself! Project which encourages students to create original works worthy of performance in the Music of Our Time Festival under the annual direction of a Composition Fellow from Aaron Copland House; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Machover was the originator of the Hoff-Barthelson Music Resource Center (MRC), which opened in 1995, and is a preeminent music reference library for books, CDs, DVDs, audiotapes, and music materials covering all periods of Western Music for instruments and voice for all levels of expertise and technique; under her leadership, the MRC has grown to include sections devoted to chamber music, ensembles, musicianship, music technique, jazz and folk music and classical music, as well as summer camp and college reference materials; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is the author of **SOUND CHOICES: GUIDING YOUR CHILD'S MUSICAL EXPERIENCES**, which is considered a definitive text in the professional music education field; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Wilma Machover has continually demonstrated exceptional skill and innovation as a musician, instructor, and educational leader; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the

cultural development and enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York truly merit recognition and applause; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wilma Machover upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at the Hoff-Barthelson Music School's 25th Annual Festival of Contemporary Music, "Celebration 2014: The Music of Our Time;" and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wilma Machover.