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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rabbi Avraham Amar as an Exemplary Rabbinic Figure after serving 25 years as the spiritual leader of the Sephardic Nursing Home

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rabbi Avraham Amar as an Exemplary Rabbinic Figure after serving 25 years as the spiritual leader of the Sephardic Nursing Home; he will be honored at a celebration entitled "A Tribute to the Unity of Our Friends," on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at the Sephardic Home, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Avraham Amar has brought to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Born in Casablanca, Morocco, Rabbi Avraham Amar attended the famous yeshivas of Em HaBanim and Otzar HaTorah before emigrating to Israel as a young boy; in Israel, he continued his religious studies and was certified to be a teacher; and

WHEREAS, After proudly serving his country as a member of the Israeli armed forces, Rabbi Avraham Amar resumed teaching and studied at Yeshiva Merkaz Harav in Jerusalem, where he received his smicha; in addition, he

attained his teaching degree in Advanced Judaic Studies from Bar Ilan University, and graduated from Heichal Shlomo as a fully certified cantor; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years, this esteemed man dedicated himself to his educational and administrative career in Israel, while ably fulfilling the spiritual needs of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Rabbi Avraham Amar began his rabbinate at the Sephardic Home, where his kindness and devotion to his work quickly earned him the respect of residents and staff; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the Sephardic Home became renowned throughout the Jewish community for its high standards of excellence and extensive religious programs; the spiritual guidance and encouragement he displayed allowed residents to more fully observe and embrace their Jewish roots; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Avraham Amar has dedicated himself to the spiritual advancement of the Bensonhurst community; in addition to his outstanding contributions to the lives of elderly residents at the Sephardic Home, he also teaches at Magen David High School; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, this distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care, and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rabbi Avraham Amar as an Exemplary Rabbinic Figure after serving

25 years as the spiritual leader of the Sephardic Nursing Home, and extend to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Avraham Amar.