

## 2015-J2564

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Beth and Mark Wilkow upon the occasion of their designation as the recipients of the Couple of the Year Award by the Jericho Jewish Center on June 24, 2015

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Empire State is greatly enriched by 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 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, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Beth and Mark Wilkow upon the occasion of their designation as the recipients of the Couple of the Year Award by the Jericho Jewish Center, to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at the Jericho Jewish Center, Jericho, New York; and

WHEREAS, Beth and Mark Wilkow, along with their children Nicole and Jack, have been members of the Jericho Jewish Center (JCC) for nearly 15 years; Mark has been a member of the JCC Board of Trustees since 2008, and is completing his term as President on June 30, 2015; Beth is an active member of the Sisterhood and is currently Recording Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1967, Mark Wilkow attended the State University of New York College at Buffalo where he met Beth during their first semester and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice; he went on to receive his Juris Doctor degree from the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center at Touro College in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Beth Wilkow was also born in Brooklyn, New York in 1967; she

graduated from the State University of New York College at Buffalo with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and received her Master's in Education from Adelphi University in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Beth and Mark were united in marriage on August 17, 1991, during which time they lived in Bayside, Queens before moving to their first home in New Hyde Park and finally settling in Jericho 16 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from law school, Mark Wilkow's career took him from a medium sized law firm in New York City doing real estate litigation to serving as the General Counsel for a real estate management company; he then opened his own practice which has since moved to its current location in Jericho; and

WHEREAS, Beth Wilkow has spent her illustrious 25-year career as an Elementary School teacher, first in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, and for the past 15 years, in Flushing, Queens; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed woman was one of the first teachers selected in her school to participate in an Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) classroom, a program which is currently the standard for teaching special needs children across the country; she is also the UFT Union Representative in her school, a position she has held for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Beth and Mark Wilkow have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Beth and Mark Wilkow upon the occasion of their designation as the recipients of the Couple of the Year Award by the Jericho Jewish Center

on June 24, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Beth and Mark Wilkow.