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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Joni and Steven Christie upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Temple B'Nai Torah on April 17, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Joni and Steven Christie 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joni and Steven Christie upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Temple B'Nai Torah, to be celebrated at its Annual Israel Bond Breakfast on Sunday, April 17, 2016, in Wantagh, New York; and WHEREAS, Joni and Steven Christie have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and WHEREAS, For 22 years, Joni and Steven Christie have been vital temple members beginning with Legacy The Suburban Temple prior to its merger and becoming Temple B'Nai Torah; and WHEREAS, A Special Education Creative Arts Teacher in Queens, New York, Joni Christie has been extremely active in all phases of the Temple's Sisterhood, and has held numerous leadership positions on its Board of Directors, including President; she has played an active role in numerous sisterhood functions such as The Sisterhood Seder, The Holiday Sale, and buying merchandise for the shop; and WHEREAS, In addition to her role as a Sister, Joni Christie participates on the Temple B'Nai Torah Board of Trustees, and serves as co-Chair of fundraising and assists with the Caring Committee; and

WHEREAS, Steven Christie is employed with Chase Bank in Greenvale, New York, and has been involved with the Temple's Brotherhood, and assists with various temple events; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Steven Christie acted as Master of Ceremonies for the Sisterhood Auction and the Cantors 40th Anniversary Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joni and Steven Christie have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their three sons, Matthew, Brandon, and Dylan; their daughter-in-law, Leah; and their grandson, Logan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Joni and Steven Christie have displayed throughout their lives; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Joni and Steven Christie upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Temple B'Nai Torah on April 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joni and Steven Christie.