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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Deborah Hallen Zelinsky upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Congregation Mount Sinai on June 8, 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, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deborah Hallen Zelinsky upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Congregation Mount Sinai, to be celebrated at its Roaring '20s Spring Gala on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in Brooklyn Heights, New York; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A teacher for 36 years in the New York City Public School System, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky is a true asset to her community; she has worked with the Friends of the Brooklyn Heights Branch Library since 1993, and currently serves as its president; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky volunteers at the Brooklyn Family Justice Center, Domestic Violence Unit, Children's Room and Congregation Mount Sinai; she is a lifetime member of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers, of Hadassah, and the National Council of Jewish Women; and

WHEREAS, A New York State Mediator and a UFT Chapter Leader, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky laid the groundwork for the New York State SAVE Legislation; and

WHEREAS, During her PhD work in Early Childhood Education, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa, the professional fraternity in education, and Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky has been a devoted member of Congregation Mount Sinai for 32 years; she has served on the board of trustees, donated valuable time to various committees at the synagogue, and currently supports the work of the community through ongoing volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Paul Zelinsky, and their two daughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Deborah Hallen Zelinsky has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Deborah Hallen Zelinsky has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Deborah Hallen Zelinsky upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Congregation Mount Sinai on June 8, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deborah Hallen Zelinsky.