Senate Resolution No. 2425

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMEMORATING Harbor Fitness' 10th Annual Race for Autism on June 11, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions and events; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate Harbor Fitness' 10th Annual Race for Autism on Sunday, June 11, 2017, beginning and ending at the club on Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Fitness' Race for Autism is a 5k Run/Walk benefitting the HeartShare School in Brooklyn, New York; this year's event will also include an outdoor Zumba class, as well as a party for children including rides, attractions, food and refreshments; and

WHEREAS, HeartShare and its Family of Services have more than 100 programs in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, HeartShare Human Services and the HeartShare School encourage greater independence for children and adults with intellectual disabilities through residential, educational, health care, employment, life skills and case management, as well as recreational programs; and

WHEREAS, With such a dramatic increase in cases of children with autism and such a large proportion of them in New York City, innovative programs such as HeartShare are critical in helping these children receive the services they need; and

WHEREAS, The Race for Autism promotes a healthy lifestyle with a focus on fun, family and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Race for Autism is in direct correlation to the efforts of Chris and Mike Ganim, Owners of Harbor Fitness, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the event and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Harbor Fitness' Race for Autism; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate Harbor Fitness' 10th Annual Race for Autism on June 11, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Chris and Mike Ganim, Owners, Harbor Fitness.