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Assembly Resolution No. 527

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CONGRATULATING Jeri Mendelsohn, LCSW upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to both the Samuel Field Young Men and Young Women Hebrew Association and the Central Queens Young Men and Young Women Hebrew Association

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jeri Mendelsohn upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to both the Samuel Field Young Men and Young Women Hebrew Association and the Central Queens Young Men and Young Women Hebrew Association; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will be celebrated at a Dinner on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at the Glen Head Country Club in Glen Head, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jeri Mendelsohn has over 30 years of experience in the

development and implementation of programs and services for people with disabilities, with particular concentration on Early Intervention Services as well as the creation of programs which foster the inclusion of people with disabilities of all ages within their communities; and

WHEREAS, For 12 years, Jeri Mendelsohn has served as the Associate Executive Director of the Samuel Field YM and YWHA; in this capacity, she was responsible for this vital agency's extensive array of social services programs including Early Childhood and Parenting Programs, Services to Individuals with Disabilities, Mental Health and Family Violence Services, the Single Parent Center, Staff Development, and Graduate Education; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Jeri Mendelsohn holds the title of both Executive Vice-President and CEO of the Samuel Field YM and YWHA and the Central Queens YM and YWHA, multi-service communal organizations which serve the Borough of Queens with a diverse array of social services, educational and social/recreational programs for people of all ages, abilities and life stages; she will officially retire from this position on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, As CEO, Jeri Mendelsohn assists approximately 35,000 people each year at 33 sites including three large community centers as well as Camp Poyntelle Lewis Village in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the Samuel Field YM and YWHA and the Central Queens YM and YWHA, Jeri Mendelsohn serves as the Co-Chairperson of the UJA-Federation of New York's Task Force on People with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Jeri Mendelsohn served both the

Samuel Field Young Men (YM) and Young Women Hebrew Association (YWHA) and the Central Queens YM and YWHA with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked, Jeri Mendelsohn will be remembered for her honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 congratulate Jeri Mendelsohn, LCSW upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of distinguished service to both the Samuel Field Young Men and Young Women Hebrew Association and the Central Queens Young Men and Young Women Hebrew Association, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeri Mendelsohn, LCSW.