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Senate Resolution No. 4216

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING Lorry and Ira Friedman upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by North Shore Synagogue on April 28, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of those individuals within the State of New York who give of their time and energies in support of spiritual endeavors which aim to benefit the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lorry and Ira Friedman upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by North Shore Synagogue to be feted at its 65th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Lorry and Ira Friedman moved into their new house in Syosset, New York, 60 years ago; the couple was asked to serve as teachers at a new synagogue which was being formed in their neighborhood; the Friedmans became one of 35 families who founded North Shore Synagogue; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Synagogue was established as a Reform Congregation, which believes in the central tenets of Judaism, God,

Torah and Israel, even as it acknowledges the diversity of Reform Jewish beliefs and practices; congregants strive to bring peace, freedom, and justice to all people; and

WHEREAS, The synagogue quickly became an important part of their lives; they enjoyed spending time with other people who believed it was their purpose to save the world, and did whatever they could to ensure the synagogue ran smoothly and was a success; and

WHEREAS, Lorry and Ira Friedman love to sing and soon became members of the choir; today, Ira continues to sign in the tenor section and Lorry serves as the choir librarian, in charge of 60 years of synagogue music; and

WHEREAS, The first religious school classes were held in the stables of Seymour Cohn and Sylvan Lawrence, and Lorry Friedman taught the combined third and fourth grades; later, she started the first youth group; and

WHEREAS, Lorry Friedman was also an active member of the Sisterhood Board, serving for 18 years, five of which she held the title of Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Ira Friedman held the position of Religious School Chairman, and Vice President of the temple board; he also edited the temple bulletin and wrote an art column for a few years; and

WHEREAS, The temple raised money in many creative ways, through book, cake and rummage sales, bingo, fashion shows and square dances, and especially through producing and acting in a series of home-grown musicals; Ira Friedman played the role of Nathan Detroit in Guys and

Dolls, and Bud Frump in How to Succeed in Business; Lorry Friedman handled publicity, playbills and advertising for the shows; and

WHEREAS, Both Lorry and Ira Friedman enjoy the arts, and proudly serve on the Art Committee; in this capacity, they interview the artists and artisans who were chosen to make the ark doors, eternal light and stained glass windows in the sanctuary, and the art that adorns the lobby walls; Ira designed and made the frames for the class pictures in the Religious School wing; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its rich historical past and up to the present day, the North Shore Synagogue has been sustained by the beneficent efforts of countless congregants such as Lorry and Ira Friedman, who have generously supported their temple with abundant kindness and good deeds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lorry and Ira Friedman upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by North Shore Synagogue, noting their unremitting commitment, ceaseless devotion and spiritual resolve; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lorry and Ira Friedman.