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Senate Resolution No. 5677

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Dr. Morton Berger Memorial Award by Maimonides Hebrew Day School

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, Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin 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 honor Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Dr. Morton Berger Memorial Award by Maimonides Hebrew Day School, to be celebrated at its Annual Scholarship Tribute Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin have been the guiding hand and inspiration behind Maimonides Hebrew Day School, through teaching, administration and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Rochel Piekarski Rubin graduated from Beth Rivka High School in 1966 and the Beth Jacob

Teachers Seminary in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Rochel Rubin began her illustrious career at Maimonides Day School on the first day of its existence and has served as both a teacher and as head of Judaic studies ever since; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Israel Rubin was born in Brooklyn and raised in Montreal, where he graduated from the Lubavitch Yeshiva in 1967; he received rabbinic ordination in 1971 by the Central Yeshiva Tomchei Temimim in New York, and did post-graduate Talmudic studies at Kollel Menachem in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Israel Rubin began his educational career as Learning Director of Camp Gan Israel in Canada, when he started writing The Torah Times newspaper and a camp radio broadcast; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin were united in marriage in Brooklyn, New York in 1971; during this time, Rochel served as a teacher at Beth Rivka, while the Rabbi pursued post-graduate studies and took a teaching position at Yeshiva Chanoch Le-Naar; and

WHEREAS, The couple was appointed to serve as shluchim emissaries to Albany in 1974, during which time they were responsible for Chabad activities in all of Eastern New York State; and

WHEREAS, Rochel Rubin, also known as Morah Rochel, developed her own skill-based and text-based curriculum and worksheets for primary grades Chumash and Navi studies which remain in use at Maimonides; and

WHEREAS, In addition to supervising staff and teaching several classes each day, this extraordinary woman currently serves as principal; and

WHEREAS, As rosh yeshiva or dean of Maimonides, Rabbi Israel Rubin's creative style and broad vision is imprinted throughout the school's curricular, inter-curricular and extra-curricular programs; he also serves as rabbi of Congregation Shomray Torah in Albany, and is the regional director for Chabad-Lubavitch of the eastern region of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Israel Rubin is the author of Marbeh L'Saper-The Albany Haggadah, The Torah Times, hundreds of Jewish holiday and Jewish life and learning articles published locally and nationally, and dozens of scholarly research booklets of original Torah thought; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Dr. Morton Berger Memorial Award by Maimonides Hebrew Day School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Israel and Rochel Rubin.

