

## 2011-J427

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Victor Badner and Frieda Kraft upon the occasion of their designation by Westchester Jewish Center as the Guests of Honor at its Annual Dinner Dance on March 5, 2011

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the Empire State is greatly enriched by the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of such magnanimous conduct and bearing who demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Victor Badner and Frieda Kraft upon the occasion of their designation as the Guests of Honor at the Annual Dinner Dance of Westchester Jewish Center (WJC), a conservative synagogue in Mamaroneck, New York on Saturday, March 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of their service to Westchester Jewish Center, Victor Badner and Frieda Kraft have exhibited uncommon valor and wisdom; their involvement and leadership have been characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all their endeavors on behalf of the synagogue and their community; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 22 years, Victor Badner and his wife Frieda Kraft have brought their thoughtfulness and experience to the Westchester Jewish Center in many different ways and many congregants have, in addition, enjoyed seeing them perform in the annual WJC Purimspiel; and

WHEREAS, Victor Badner is a long-time Westchester Jewish Center Trustee and, currently, a Vice President of the Center; he has devoted many hours of his time to help make WJC a better place for all members of the Center and has also been an active member of its Brotherhood and Ritual Committee; and

WHEREAS, Also well-known and highly respected in his profession, Victor Badner, in addition to his work on behalf of the Westchester

Jewish Center, is the Chairman of the Department of Dentistry/Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the North Bronx Healthcare Network and President of its Medical Executive Board; he is also an Associate Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and was, in addition, recently appointed to the New York State Commission on Graduate Medical Education; and

WHEREAS, Frieda Kraft also served as a WJC Trustee for six years and as a member of its Board of Education and has been a valued member of numerous Westchester Jewish Center committees, including the Scholar-in-Residence, Membership, Ritual, and Dinner Dance Committees; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community as well as her synagogue, Frieda Kraft currently co-chairs the Selection Committee for the Mamaroneck Union Free School District Board of Education and is a member of the Planning Council at Mamaroneck High School and a volunteer instructor for the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, In recognizing Victor Badner and Frieda Kraft for their many years of inspirational and devoted service to the synagogue and their faith, Westchester Jewish Center proudly honors a couple who exemplify the highest aims and ideals of Judaism, adherence to Torah and mitzvot, maintenance of the traditions of the Jewish people, and commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Victor Badner and Frieda Kraft for their dedication and commitment to their community and their heritage; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, This Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Victor Badner and Frieda Kraft upon the occasion of their designation as the Guests of Honor at the Annual Dinner Dance of Westchester Jewish Center on March 5, 2011; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Victor Badner and Frieda Kraft.