

## 2013-J672

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Met Council upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary Celebration on April 25, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in its communities, and to the development of responsible citizens and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and commend Met Council upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, in Manhattan's Upper East Side; and

WHEREAS, From its inception in the early 1970s, as a response to academic studies stating that approximately 300,000 impoverished Jews resided in New York City, Met Council quickly formed to help the poor and working poor with more than just a temporary handout of food; and

WHEREAS, Over the past four decades, Met Council has established itself in the communities it serves, providing valuable support services in crises of evictions, loss of income, health emergencies, immigration problems, or family violence, and most importantly keeping families together; and

WHEREAS, In the 1990 partnership with Jewish Community Relations Council and the UJA-Federation of New York, Met Council strives to preserve the decaying Jewish neighborhoods and provides affordable housing with the openings of the Weinberg Council Towers in Brooklyn and the Bronx, Abraham Residence I and II in Brooklyn, and the Metro House in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, After recent economic times dealing with hardships in unforeseeable job loss, Met Council's legacy of support expanded with a Career Services Center, helping to revitalize communities in New York by providing experienced employment specialists to assist low to moderate income people in need of a job or wanting to advance their careers; and

WHEREAS, With the rising generations benefiting from its abilities to assist in their needs during childhood, Met Council forges ahead, look-

ing to the future to ensure continued support for everyone in their MVP program, recruiting young professionals in their 20s and 30s to push on the mission of fighting poverty through volunteering, providing families with financial support, and spreading the word; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Met Council upon the occasion of its 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held on April 25, 2013, in Manhattan's Upper East Side; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Met Council.