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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the East Side Community Group for Senior Services, Inc., the Stein Senior Center, upon the occasion of the celebration of its 39th Anniversary and the occupancy of its new home

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize organizations of enduring tradition which faithfully serve the needs of the community and its citizens with diligence and compassionate commitment to improving the quality and dignity of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the East Side Community Group for Senior Services, Inc., familiarly known as the Stein Senior Center, upon the occasion of the celebration, on March 22, 2013, of its 39th Anniversary and the occupancy of its new home on East 23rd Street; and

WHEREAS, The East Side Community Group for Senior Services, Inc., also known as the Stein Senior Center, opened officially in 1974 and has been in continuous operation ever since; and

WHEREAS, From the outset, the seniors the Center serves have been involved in the running of the Center; and

WHEREAS, The Stein Senior Center provides a range of programs and services to help meet the day-to-day and long-term independent living needs of its members; and

WHEREAS, Among these are an innovative Alzheimer's early intervention program; assistance for crime victims; lectures on financial planning, health and wellness; and the provision of nutritious meals and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS, The Stein Senior Center also has a computer lab and offers enrichment classes and activities ranging from opera appreciation to belly dancing and a Yiddish Club; and

WHEREAS, At the end of December 2011, it was necessary for the Stein Senior Center to leave its longtime home on East 24th Street and First Avenue so that the organization it leased space from could expand its own services; and

WHEREAS, The Stein Senior Center operated out of the basement of East End Temple, located at 245 East 17th Street, for more than a year while the Center's new 5,000 square foot space was renovated; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2013, the Stein Senior Center proudly and joyfully opened the doors of its new home at 204 East 23rd Street, which includes a cafeteria, kitchen, computer lab, activity room, and lecture room, as well as staff offices; and

WHEREAS, An official celebration of the Stein Senior Center's 39th Anniversary and the occupancy of its new home will be held on March 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers bring their special wisdom, experience, and enthusiasm to countless endeavors, helping to shape and strengthen the character of our communities and the quality of our lives; and

WHEREAS, The senior citizens of the East Side exemplify the more than three million residents of New York State who are 60 years of age or older; they help to preserve the customs, traditions, and values of the many ethnic groups which comprise the rich fabric of the community of the City and State of New York and they are vital, integral, and contributing members of our society; and

WHEREAS, The threads which form the quality and character of senior life are woven through dedicated service, carefully rendered, by such organizations of purposeful goodwill as the East Side Community Group for Senior Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The East Side Community Group for Senior Services, Inc. has a proud tradition of helping the older citizens of its community remain valuable, involved, and productive members of the community as they reach the fullness of years; and

WHEREAS, As it celebrates 39 years of service to seniors, the East Side Community Group for Senior Services, Inc. may be justly proud of helping to meet the needs of the area's cherished senior citizens with love, dedication and commitment and of providing a comfortable and friendly environment where they know they are welcome and will be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve; and

WHEREAS, It is through the commitment of the Stein Senior Center's founding and current members, staff, board of directors, elected representatives and community supporters that the Stein Senior Center continues to thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Stein Senior Center, upon the occasion of the joyful celebration, on March 22, 2013, of its 39th Anniversary and the occupancy of its new home on East 23rd Street, commending the Center for its purposeful endeavors and noting the tradition of caring service it has established; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the East Side Community Group for Senior Services, Inc..