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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rabbi David M. Eligberg upon the occasion of his installation as Rabbi at Temple Israel in Albany, New York on May 2, 2014

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rabbi David M. Eligberg upon the occasion of his installation as Rabbi at Temple Israel in Albany, New York on May 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi David M. Eligberg, born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, was ordained in 1985, by the Jewish Theological Seminary; he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Talmud from The Seminary College of Jewish Studies, and a Master of Arts degree in Jewish Studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary, as well as a Doctor of Hebrew Letters Honoris Causa from the Jewish Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Prior to assuming the pulpit of Temple Israel, Rabbi David M. Eligberg served as Rabbi and Principal of the Beit Rayim Synagogue and Hebrew School in Thornhill, Ontario, Rabbi of Congregation B'Nai Tikvah in North Brunswick, New Jersey, and Congregation Beth El in Levittown, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Since arriving at Temple Israel in 2011, Rabbi David M. Eligberg has been a teacher and guide for those who wish to explore

meaningful lives according to Jewish tradition; holiday observances at Temple Israel have been enhanced by his creative approach and his encouragement of congregant participation; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi David M. Eligberg's adult education classes, ranging from "Conservative Judaism: Yesterday and Tomorrow", the Book of Psalms, Jewish Ethics regarding End of Life Issues have offered members a deeper understanding of their rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi David M. Eligberg is an active presence in the Albany community, serving as Secretary of the Capital District Board of Rabbis, and as a member of both the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York's Israel Action Committee, and the Religion-Labor Coalition of New York State, representing the New York Board of Rabbis; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi David M. Eligberg and his wife, Jodi, along with their three children, Sarah, Yonatan and Miriam, have shared their Shabbat and holiday celebrations, introducing many to a traditional Jewish home; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi David M. Eligberg brings to his ministry an overwhelming spirit of charity and compassion, acting from vision and enlightenment in conducting his administrative and spiritual duties, while always displaying the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and dedication; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God always gives enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and administers abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend them for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rabbi David M. Eligberg upon the occasion of his installation as Rabbi at Temple Israel in Albany, New York on May 2, 2014, noting his

unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes for a future of continued purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi David M. Eligberg.