

## 2013-J5132

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass upon the occasion of celebrating 36 years of service to East Midwood Jewish Center to be celebrated on June 8, 2014

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to serving the spiritual needs 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 their profession through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass upon the occasion of celebrating 36 years of service to East Midwood Jewish Center; this special Double-Chai Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass has brought to his rabbinate 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, Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass is beloved by his congregation for his gifted oratory, delivering uplifting, insightful, and intellectually stimulating sermons that inspire them at Shabbat Services, the sacred High Holidays, festivals, life cycle events, and community events; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass has served and guided his congregation through dramatic demographic changes and a transformation into an egalitarian synagogue; and

WHEREAS, The gifts of this accomplished spiritual leader are recog-

nized beyond East Midwood Jewish Center; Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass is Chief Chaplain of the New York City Police Department; and WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered 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 that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass upon the occasion of celebrating 36 years of service to East Midwood Jewish Center, noting his unremitting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass.