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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Temple Hillel of North Woodmere, New York, to be celebrated May 17, 2015

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Temple Hillel of North Woodmere, New York, to be celebrated at its Annual Journal Dinner Dance on Sunday, May 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1955, the mission of Temple Hillel is to fulfill the Jewish religious, educational, social and service needs of the Valley Stream/Five Towns Jewish Community who identify with Conservative Judaism, and to take its place in the area as a leading and caring religious congregation which supports the greater Jewish community's social service needs; and

WHEREAS, Temple Hillel aims to enforce, strengthen and promote the precepts of Conservative Judaism; to encourage adult and youth education among its members, emphasizing the Hebrew language, Jewish history and traditions and religious customs and ceremonies; to encourage members' understanding and appreciation for the importance of attending and participating in religious services; to support charitable and benevolent causes within the temple, as well as local, national and international Jewish communities; and to encourage and strengthen members, ties to the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Temple Hillel offers a multigenerational, active congregation

affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism; an award-winning religious School of Excellence; adult education programs; social and educational programs for children, including a newly created Post B'nai Mitzvah Program titled "Teen Issues through a Jewish Lens"; an award winning USY program, as well as Kadima and Pre-Kadima programs; and an active Men's Club, Sisterhood and Parent's Association, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Rabbi Steven M. Graber who became part of the Temple Hillel community in August of 2003, this vital synagogue stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve of its founders; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Temple Hillel of North Woodmere, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Steven M. Graber, Temple Hillel of North Woodmere, New York.