

## 2015-J3929

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2016 Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel, Albany, New York

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel, Albany, New York, to be celebrated at a dinner on Monday, May 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Circle of Humanity Award is presented to local individuals and institutions who devote themselves to making a positive difference in our community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to those who have shown courage and initiative to reach out, together, to create an atmosphere that is at once positive, exciting and contagious, spreading its arms in an extension of human circles which includes those in every walk of life;

Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen epitomize this definition; and

WHEREAS, Natives of Johannesburg, South Africa, Karen and Gavin Setzen immigrated to the United States in 1989 and settled in the Albany area in 1992, rapidly integrating themselves into the community and becoming active volunteers while raising their two sons, Lee and Sean; and

WHEREAS, Karen Setzen is highly active in the local Jewish community; she has been involved in multiple fundraising efforts, committees and leadership roles for community organizations, including Temple Israel,

Jewish Family Services and the Hebrew Academy of the Capital District;  
and

WHEREAS, Karen Setzen was involved in the Young Families Committee at Temple Israel for several years, served two terms on the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy Board and during her tenure, together with Gavin, co-chaired Bet Shraga's Shomray Torah Society for three years; currently, she is serving her third term on the Board of Jewish Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gavin Setzen obtained his medical degree in South Africa, and completed his surgical training in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Albany Medical Center; he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons & American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy; and

WHEREAS, He is President of Albany ENT & Allergy Services, providing ENT and allergy care to patients in the greater Capital Region; past Chair of the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS), and served on the Board of AAO-HNS for eight years, most recently as Secretary-Treasurer; in addition, he is President of the New York State Society of Otolaryngology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gavin Setzen has held leadership positions in various other organizations, including the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) and is immediate past-President of the IAC CT Division; he also sits on the Boards of Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center, Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and Israel Bonds Executive Committee, and is President of Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center as well as past-President of Temple Israel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable

endeavors including Temple Israel, the Capital Region and the medical community at large, and have always given of themselves unstintingly;  
and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel, Albany, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Gavin and Mrs. Karen Setzen.