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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. and Mrs. Gavin Setzen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel on May 19, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. and Mrs. Gavin Setzen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of this unique award was inspired by the passion and enthusiasm of a movement in the Capital District to embrace the best of the human spirit in us all; the Circle of Humanity Award represents our recognition of those who demonstrate what can be accomplished within each person's heart and soul; 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, truly devoting themselves to making a positive difference in the local community and beyond; 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, In addition, 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, she, together with Gavin, co-chaired Bet Shraga's Shomray Torah Society for three years; Karen is currently 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 Diplomat of the American Board of Otolaryngology and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy; and

WHEREAS, As President of Albany ENT and Allergy Services, Dr. Gavin Setzen provides ENT and allergy care to patients in the greater Capital Region; he is also 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; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Gavin Setzen is President of the New York State Society of Otolaryngology; he has held leadership positions in various other organizations, including the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC), and is immediate past-president of the IAC CT Division; and

WHEREAS, With a long history of community service, Dr. Gavin Setzen sits on the Boards of Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center, Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and Israel Bonds Executive Committee; he is president of Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center and is a past-presi-

dent of Temple Israel; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Gavin and Karen Setzen have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. and Mrs. Gavin Setzen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel on May 19, 2016; and be it further

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