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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rabbi Neil Kurshan upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service as Spiritual Leader of Huntington Jewish Center

WHEREAS, It is with great admiration and deepest respect that this Legislative Body is moved to pay tribute to an eminent gentleman of indomitable spirit and dedication, whose purposeful life and accomplishments will forever stand as an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rabbi Neil Kurshan upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 30 years of distinguished service as Spiritual Leader of Huntington Jewish Center, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Huntington Hebrew Congregation of Huntington, known locally as the Huntington Jewish Center (HJC), is a recognized and very visible center of Jewish worship, Jewish learning, Jewish activities, and support for Israel and the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, In his leadership of Huntington Jewish Center, Rabbi Neil Kurshan brought 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, Neil Kurshan has served as the Rabbi of the Huntington Jewish Center for more than three decades; he received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his Doctorate in Education from Harvard; and

WHEREAS, Ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Neil Kurshan has served Conservative congregations in Port Washington and Huntington, New York; he is the author of the acclaimed book, RAISING YOUR CHILD TO BE A MENSCH; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Rabbi Neil Kurshan has been instrumental in helping members of his congregation to clarify their understanding of the spiritual dimensions of their lives; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Alisa, and their four children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Neil Kurshan lives his life with great dignity and genuine grace, always demonstrating a deep and continuing concern for others; rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which he has displayed throughout his life and throughout his leadership of the Huntington Jewish Center for many years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor an eminent gentleman and unparalleled spiritual leader, Rabbi Neil Kurshan, noting the significance of his unremitting dedication and sagacious leadership on behalf of the Huntington Jewish Center, the community-at-large, and the countless individuals who were sustained through his caring benevolence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Neil Kurshan.