

## 2011-J2178

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Elise and Richard Kestenbaum upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Temple Israel of Great Neck, 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, Elise and Richard Kestenbaum 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 commend Elise and Richard Kestenbaum upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Temple Israel of Great Neck, New York to be celebrated at its 47th Annual Journal Dinner Dance on Sunday, June 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Richard Kestenbaum works as an attorney specializing in civil and criminal tax litigation and is a founding member of the firm of Kestenbaum and Mark; and

WHEREAS, As a result of her work as an education lawyer for the firm of Frazer & Feldman LLP, Elise Kestenbaum is currently on the Education Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association and a newly appointed Impartial Hearing Officer for the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, Elise and Richard Kestenbaum have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Richard Kestenbaum began his involvement at Temple Israel as a member; he then joined the House Committee, directed the Finance Committee, and eventually became a member of the Board of Trustees and

the Executive Committee for the last five years as Temple President; and  
WHEREAS, An active member of the community, Richard Kestenbaum serves  
as a member of the Board of Zoning and Appeals, Village Prosecutor and  
Acting Village Justice of the Village of Great Neck Plaza; he is also a  
long term member of the Ethics Board of the Town of North Hempstead; and  
WHEREAS, Elise Kestenbaum has been involved with Temple Israel since  
joining the synagogue in 1988; she was active in both the Beth Hagan and  
Religious School PTAs and was instrumental in developing the Rapping  
with the Rabbi and Pre-College Jewish Identity Program for high school  
students; and

WHEREAS, Most recently Elise Kestenbaum was involved with the Afula  
Conservatory's visit to Great Neck North High School; she has served on  
the UPTC Board, the PTA Board, and the Lulav Board of Great Neck Hadas-  
sah; moreover, she is currently President of the Great Neck Student Aid  
Fund, an organization that provides scholarships for Great Neck students  
in need so that they can attend college; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a  
period of constructive involvement, Elise and Richard Kestenbaum have  
stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals  
for the benefit of others which Elise and Richard Kestenbaum have  
displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to  
commend Elise and Richard Kestenbaum upon the occasion of their desig-  
nation for special recognition by the Temple Israel of Great Neck, New  
York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to Elise and Richard Kestenbaum.