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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rabbi Howard Diamond as he is honored by Congregation B'nai Sholom - Beth David at its 1st Annual Journal Dinner on March 31, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to individuals of firm faith and commitment who have devoted their untiring energy and purposeful lives in service to their faith; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is pleased to commend Rabbi Howard Diamond as he is honored by Congregation B'nai Sholom - Beth David at its 1st Annual Journal Dinner on March 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Howard Diamond was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 1, 1955; he attended Public School and Hebrew School at Temple Shalom of Philadelphia; his high school years were spent at Northeast High School in Philadelphia, and beginning in 1969, at the Talmudical Academy of Baltimore; he graduated with honors in 1972 and went on to Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore and, at the same time, he attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and, in addition, studied at the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business; and WHEREAS, In 1992, he graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, with a degree in comparative studies encompassing philosophy, biology and religious studies; he received his Rabbinic Ordination from the Orthodox Bet Din of Israel, and Yeshiva Tiferes Yisroel in 1993; and

WHEREAS, During his years as a student, he met and married Francine Marks; they currently reside in Rockville Centre, New York, have been married for 33 years and have seven children, six girls and one boy, ranging in age from 32 to 16 years old, and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Diamond has had many professional affiliations and has served various temples in Philadelphia and on Long island in different capacities; he has been an adult education instructor, Hebrew School teacher, and has personally tutored scores of students through their Bar

and Bat Mitzvah; and

WHEREAS, He has also served as the Educational Director of Temple Beth El, North Bellmore; Rabbi of Tiffereth Israel Synagogue, Greenport; Chaplain for the Fire Department of the Village of Lynbrook; and as Principal of Central Hebrew High School, Oceanside; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Diamond began serving as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth David of Lynbrook in 1998, where he spearheaded the exciting revitalization and rapid growth in membership of the 82-year-old institution; re-established the Hebrew School; organized and led the first adult Bat Mitzvah class in the history of the synagogue; and created a number of ongoing children's and teen programs, as well as many new educational, spiritual and cultural special events; and, since August 2010, he has ably served Congregation B'nai Sholom - Beth David as its Rabbi; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his worthy endeavors, this Legislative Body is proud to extend its highest commendation to Rabbi Howard Diamond for his commitment to his faith and his heritage; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rabbi Howard Diamond as he is honored by Congregation B'nai Sholom - Beth David at its 1st Annual Journal Dinner on March 31, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Howard Diamond.