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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Rabbi Stanley Platek, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those men and women of religious commitment who accept the responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of human understanding; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Stanley Platek, who filled the role of Rabbi Emeritus at Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre, died on Tuesday, January 13, 2015; he faithfully served the congregation for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Brooklyn College with Honors in Philosophy, Stanley Platek was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, receiving the degrees of Master of Hebrew Literature, DHL and DD; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he earned the degree of MSW from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University, and held a CSW from New York State; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Stanley Platek distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from the Seminary, Rabbi Stanley Platek joined its faculty with the rank of Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, a position he held for 16 years; he served as a staff member at Camp Ramah for nearly two decades, and was a leader, with his wife, of many USY Teen Tours; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Stanley Platek's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably served, Rabbi Stanley Platek sat on the Rabbinical Assembly Law Committee for many years, as well as the Youth Commission of the United Synagogue, the Rabbinic Cabinet of UJA, the Child Welfare Board of Nassau County, the Rabbinic Cabinet of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Board of Directors of the Five Towns Senior Citizen Center; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2007, the main sanctuary of Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre was named in his honor, and today serves as a reminder of his presence, as well as the continuity of the community and the warm ties which bind us together; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Rabbi Stanley Platek leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Rabbi Stanley Platek, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Rabbi Stanley Platek.