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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Cantor Sam Levine upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the East Midwood Jewish Center on June 14, 2015

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cantor Sam Levine upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the East Midwood Jewish Center at its 91st Annual Journal Dinner Dance on Sunday, June 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Born in Jerusalem, and raised in Toronto, Canada, Sam Levine spent a decade in the Monterey Bay area of California before moving to New York; he is a graduate of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School, and the Seminary College of Jewish Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, Cantor Sam Levine has made a significant impact on the East Midwood Jewish Center; he both founded and directed the Chorus, trained congregants and children to read Torah and Haftarah, and has taught subjects ranging from beginner Hebrew to Midrash and medieval commentators; and

WHEREAS, Cantor Sam Levine also leads Shabbat-a-BimBom, a wonderful program for children, their parents, and grandparents; he was also

instrumental in organizing numerous interfaith activities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Cantor Sam Levine has served as a representative from the East Midwood Jewish Center at the UJA Federation Brownstone Brooklyn Roundtable; in this capacity, he has built bridges to the Brownstone Brooklyn Jewish Community, forging a lasting partnership with the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services; and

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

WHEREAS, Cantor Sam Levine has brought to his ministry 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, This distinguished man of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Cantor Sam Levine upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the East Midwood Jewish Center on June 14, 2015, noting his unrelenting and compassionate faith and his exemplary service to God, man, and his community, and extending to him the heartfelt best

wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to Cantor Sam Levine.