

## 2015-J4717

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rabbi Steven and Dr. Linda Graber for 13 years of spiritual and community leadership to the congregants of Temple Hillel

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are 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 sense 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Rabbi Steven and Dr. Linda Graber for 13 years of spiritual and community leadership to the congregants of Temple Hillel to be recognized at its 61st Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 10, 2016; they have served the congregation and the community with dedication, innovation, and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Steven Graber received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Judaic Studies and Secondary Education from Rutgers University; he continued his studies both in Israel and at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, and received his Master's degree in Hebrew Letters as well as Rabbinical Ordination in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Before coming to Temple Hillel, Rabbi Steven Graber served both the Electchester Jewish Center and then the Whitestone Hebrew Centre; and

WHEREAS, In addition to congregational responsibilities at the Whitestone Hebrew Centre, Rabbi Steven Graber was an instructor of Talmud and Jewish Law at the Solomon Schechter School of Queens, and President of

the Rabbinical Assembly's Queens Region; and

WHEREAS, Working with the Temple Hillel family, Rabbi Steven Graber helped strengthen relationships within this multigenerational, vibrant congregation; developed an award winning educational program; encouraged the congregation in enhancing their spiritual, cultural, and social needs; and has enabled the synagogue to become a second home for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Steven Graber has been supported in his work by his wife, Dr. Linda Friedman Graber, who is an Associate Professor of Neuroscience at New York Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Together, they are the proud parents of three children, Daniel, Jennifer and Leora, and the loving grandparents of one grandson, who was born in Israel in November of 2015; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rabbi Steven and Dr. Linda Graber for 13 years of spiritual and community leadership to the congregants of Temple Hillel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Steven and Dr. Linda Graber.