

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rabbi Rami Strosberg upon the occasion of receiving the Gemilut Chasadim Award from Congregation Beth Israel

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rabbi Rami Strosberg upon the occasion of receiving the Gemilut Chasadim Award from Congregation Beth Israel on Sunday, May 5, 2013, in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Rami Strosberg is a product of the Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, Niskayuna High School and Congregation Beth Israel; during his formative years, he was active in National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), taught music at Temple Israel, served as Music Director at Camp Givah, and managed the Strosberg Boys Band; and

WHEREAS, Having fallen in love with Israel during a family trip and subsequently an NCSY summer program there, Rami Strosberg headed to Israel right after high school for two years of study at Yeshivat Hako-tel; he subsequently earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology at Yeshiva University, continued for S'micha at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and completed his Masters Degree in Jewish Education at the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration at Yeshiva University; and

WHEREAS, While in New York City, Rabbi Rami Strosberg taught at the Ramaz School in Manhattan and performed with and led a variety of Jewish Simcha Bands; he has provided Jewish music in such remote places as Israel, Guatemala and South Africa; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Rabbi Strosberg was hired as Judaic Studies Principal at his old school, the Hebrew Academy and faced the challenge of supervising some of the very teachers who once taught him; the following year, he was promoted to Head of School; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at HACD, Rabbi Strosberg participated in a two-year Day School Leadership Training Institute sponsored by the Avi Chai Foundation; he has also been an active member of the community, mentoring young people; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rabbi Strosberg has taught, served as cantor at Beth Israel and at Congregation Beth Abraham-Jacob for the High Holidays and other occasions, laying, reading megilla, and so forth; and

WHEREAS, The son of Beth Israel members Dr. Jimmy and Margo Strosberg, Rabbi Rami Strosberg is married to Debbie and they are the proud parents of Elnatan, Leor, and Eliav; most recently, Rabbi Rami was approached to serve as founding Head of School at the Westchester Torah Academy, a new orthodox Hebrew day school expected to open in the fall of this year; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Rami Strosberg has demonstrated the true spirit of the Gemilut Chasadim Award, which means "deeds of loving kindness," through his tireless dedication to the Synagogue and to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Rabbi Rami Strosberg upon the occasion of receiving the Gemilut Chasadim Award from Congregation Beth Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Rami Strosberg.