

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Schenectady Free Health Clinic upon the occasion of receiving the Community Service Award from Schenectady B'nai B'rith

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed entities which have distinguished themselves in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Schenectady Free Health Clinic will be honored with the Community Service Award from Schenectady B'nai B'rith during a dinner to be held at Congregation Agudat Achim on May 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Clinic was founded by Margaret (Mardy) Moore, Robert Pletman, Arnold Ritterband, and Clifford Tepper, who dedicated three years in establishing the legality of and equipping the Clinic; and

WHEREAS, It provides free comprehensive medical care, including free diagnostic tests and medications, to residents of Schenectady County who lack health insurance; and

WHEREAS, The Clinic also provides free physical exams required by some employers for initial employment; and

WHEREAS, Since its opening in 2003, the volunteer physicians and other health care professionals have worked 57,000 hours to serve 11,000 patients who, altogether, visited the clinic 40,000 times; and

WHEREAS, About 2,500 of the 12,000 to 15,000 uninsured persons in Schenectady County visited the Clinic last year; and

WHEREAS, The Clinic receives funding from Schenectady County, New York State, and private foundations and donors; Ellis Hospital provides diagnostic and lab work at no charge; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is pleased to join Schenectady B'nai B'rith in extending its sincere appreciation to the Schenectady Free Health Clinic for its many valuable contributions to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Schenectady Free Health Clinic upon the occasion of receiving the Community Service Award from Schenectady B'nai B'rith; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schenectady Free Health Clinic.