

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Congregation Beth-El of Massapequa, New York for 60 years of dedicated service to the community be celebrated on June 26, 2016

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Congregation Beth-El of Massapequa, New York for 60 years of dedicated service to the community; they will be closing their doors and merging with Bellmore Jewish Centre; this new congregation will be called Congregation Beth Ohr and a sacred Ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 26, 2016, to move the Torahs from Beth-El to its new home; and

WHEREAS, After six decades of steadfast and unwavering service to the community of Massapequa, Congregation Beth-El has been officially authorized to merge its congregation with the Bellmore Jewish Center to become Congregation Beth Ohr; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth-El eagerly looks forward to its future as a strong, vibrant, egalitarian Conservative Jewish congregation; and

WHEREAS, This new congregation is prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Congregation Beth-El of Massapequa, New York for 60 years of dedicated service to the community be celebrated on June 26, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Congregation Beth-El.