

BY: Senator MANNION

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of Congregation
Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State is greatly enriched by its religious institutions and the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of such magnanimous conduct and bearing which demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas, to be celebrated at a gala event on Sunday, June 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas (CBS-CS) is a conservative Jewish congregation located in the Town of DeWitt, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas was founded by 12 families who joined together to create a lay-led, participatory Jewish Congregation; and

WHEREAS, The early families met in one another's homes and in borrowed spaces until they were able to purchase land on Patsy Lane in DeWitt, where they constructed their current synagogue building; and

WHEREAS, Those original 12 families grew over time to CBS-CS's current membership of approximately 300 households; and

WHEREAS, CBS-CS established a religious school, in which hundreds of its children have been educated and became Bar or Bat Mitvah; and

WHEREAS, CBS-CS is an inclusive egalitarian congregation which promotes Jewish values, and encourages the religious, educational and social growth of all of its members; and

WHEREAS, CBS-CS has been ably led by six rabbis over its history, and is currently led by Rabbi David Kunin; and

WHEREAS, The Town of DeWitt, in which the Congregation makes its home, prides itself on being a town where all people can live, work and worship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas, and to wish it a hearty "Mazel Tov"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi David Kunin, Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas.