

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Cantor Leslie Friedlander of Riverdale Temple upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition on June 21, 2009

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

WHEREAS, Cantor Leslie Friedlander will be honored at Riverdale Temple's Annual Student Scholarship breakfast, to be held on Sunday, June 21, 2009, at Riverdale Temple in the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Assuming a variety of roles in the life of Riverdale Temple, Cantor Leslie Friedlander is the Director of the Religious School, prepares the children for becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and prepares Torah and Haftarah readers for High Holy Day services; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Cantor Leslie Friedlander is the Music Director for the congregation; she oversees the musical interpretation and repertoire for professional quartets and guest musicians; she also directs the Adult Volunteer and Junior Choirs; and

WHEREAS, The Sh'lichat Tzibur, messenger of the congregation, Cantor Leslie Friedlander, along with the Rabbi, leads the congregation in prayer; she also officiates at life-cycle events; and

WHEREAS, A cum laude graduate of Washington University in St. Louis where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and biology, Cantor Leslie Friedlander also holds a Master's degree in voice from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston; and

WHEREAS, Cantor Leslie Friedlander was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion in 1993, has served on the Academy faculty and its Board of Directors, and is presently the President of its alumni association; and

WHEREAS, Following her ordination, Cantor Leslie Friedlander served as cantor of Temple Emanuel in New Hyde Park, New York, until beginning her tenure with Riverdale Temple in 1999; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of the Distinguished Leadership in the Community Award presented in celebration of Women's History Month by the Comptroller of the City of New York, Cantor Leslie Friedlander sang professionally for a variety of prestigious artistic companies in the United States and abroad; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Cantor Leslie Friedlander of Riverdale Temple upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cantor Leslie Friedlander of Riverdale Temple.