

By: Naishtat

H.R. No. 1321

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Congregation Beth Israel in Austin are
2 gathering together to express their appreciation of Rabbi Steven
3 Folberg on April 18, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Philadelphia, Rabbi Folberg earned his
5 bachelor's degree in psychology from La Salle University and was
6 ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
7 in New York City in 1985; he went on to serve six years as assistant
8 and associate rabbi at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, New York,
9 before moving to Austin in 1991 to become the religious leader of
10 Congregation Beth Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of his notable tenure with the
12 synagogue, he has served the congregation with love and commitment
13 and been a source of wisdom, comfort, and inspiration to many; and

14 WHEREAS, Admired for his work as a skilled teacher of
15 children and adults alike, Rabbi Folberg has coauthored a high
16 school Jewish history textbook, *Bright Lights In Dark Times*, and he
17 has also served on the executive board of the Central Conference of
18 American Rabbis; and

19 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoys the support of his
20 wife, Dr. Saundra Goldman, with whom he has a beloved daughter,
21 Shira Lillian; and

22 WHEREAS, Rabbi Folberg has demonstrated great dedication to
23 the synagogue and to the wider community, and in so doing, he has
24 earned the heartfelt admiration of all who know him; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Rabbi Steven Folberg for his outstanding
4 service to Congregation Beth Israel and extend to him sincere best
5 wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Rabbi Folberg as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.