

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 761

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Congregation Shearith Israel, which is celebrating more than 125 years of service to the Jewish community in Dallas as it marks the 13th anniversary of Rabbi William Gershon's arrival at the synagogue; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Shearith Israel traces its roots to a group of 12 Jewish men who gathered in 1884 to establish a new synagogue; through the years, it has grown to become a vibrant center for learning and sharing, providing members with opportunities for prayer, healing, and celebration; and

WHEREAS, One of the leading synagogues of Conservative Judaism, Congregation Shearith Israel has worked to establish the pillars of Jewish life, learning and community, through the formation of a religious school and youth program and the founding of the Ann and Nate Levine Academy, a Solomon Schechter School; and

WHEREAS, For 13 years, Rabbi William Gershon has served the congregation with vision, energy, and a passion for Judaism and the Jewish people; through his extraordinary teaching, inspirational sermons, and dedicated leadership, he has created a renewed sense of vibrancy and commitment among the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Shearith Israel is truly deserving of recognition for its rich legacy of service to the Jewish community of Dallas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the members of Congregation Shearith Israel and Rabbi William Gershon on their dedication to developing and supporting the power of community and sense of family that is the synagogue and extend to them best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the synagogue as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 13, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate