

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 206

Commending Rabbi Amy R. Perlin.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Rabbi Amy R. Perlin, a respected community leader and spiritual advisor who has touched the lives of numerous people, will retire on July 1, 2018, after 32 years as senior rabbi of Temple B'nai Shalom in Fairfax Station; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Perlin earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a master's degree in Hebrew literature from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York; she was ordained in 1982 and later received a doctor of divinity degree from Hebrew Union College in 2007; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Fairfax Station in 1986, Rabbi Perlin worked with local families to open Temple B'nai Shalom; she was the first woman rabbi in the United States to start her own congregation; and

WHEREAS, under Rabbi Perlin's capable leadership, Temple B'nai Shalom has grown into a diverse and values-driven community of 500 families; the temple has the highest post-Bar Mitzvah retention rate of any congregation in America and has produced several rabbis; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated teacher and advisor, Rabbi Perlin leads Temple B'nai Shalom's Bar and Bat Mitzvah programs and provides pre-marital, marital, grief, child rearing, and illness counseling to members of her congregation; she has also led numerous trips to Israel; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Perlin is a staunch supporter of the Reform movement and the Israel Religious Action Center and serves as a governor of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and as the president of the Perlin Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Rabbi Perlin received Jewish Women International's Women to Watch award; she was also named as one of "America's Most Inspiring Rabbis" for 2013 by the news magazine *The Forward*; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Rabbi Perlin has a passion for reading, cooking, and home design and is an avid world traveler; and

WHEREAS, following her retirement, Rabbi Perlin will become Rabbi Emerita of Temple B'nai Shalom; the congregation has also established the Temple B'nai Shalom Rabbi Amy R. Perlin and Gary L. Perlin Endowment to commemorate her invaluable contributions and leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Rabbi Amy R. Perlin hereby be commended on her many years of outstanding service to the members of Temple B'nai Shalom and the Fairfax Station community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rabbi Amy R. Perlin as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her impressive career accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

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