



# Resolution

of the City Council

## Honoring Rabbi Brad Bloom

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2006, Rabbi Brad Bloom will be leaving Congregation B'nai Israel after serving with distinction for eleven years as the Senior Rabbi; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Bloom has provided strong leadership to his Congregation and to Sacramento as a whole through the terrible arson of his own temple and two others in 1999, helping his congregants and those of the other temples heal from this despicable hate crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Bloom prepared young men and women of his Congregation and then conducted more than 200 bar and bat mitzvahs consistently while providing spiritual leadership for the Greater Sacramento Region's community high school program Yachad; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Brad Bloom provided outstanding pastoral service to B'nai Israel members and their families during a most challenging life cycle event, and expanded the community of concerned faithful, creating a caring community of congregants who help visit the sick and support the bereaved; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Bloom unashamedly reached out to Gay and Lesbian Jews, both within his Congregation and in Sacramento, demonstrating inclusiveness by performing the first wedding ceremonies for Gay and Lesbian couples inside the sanctuary of Congregation B'nai Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Bloom as the Congregation's educational leader, elevated the quality and quantity of education programming, which included such programs as Talmud Study, Kabbalah Study, the annual Scholar in Residence Program, the Women's' Book Group, and the development of the annual Adult and Family Retreat; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Brad Bloom has faithfully and conscientiously served the members of B'nai Israel and the City of Sacramento and its citizens earning the respect and admiration of civic leaders and a host of area residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby recognize Rabbi Brad Bloom and do hereby extend our thanks for the meritorious service, loyalty and dedication he has rendered to this community.

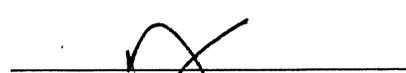
ISSUED: This 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2006.

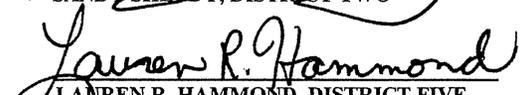
  
HEATHER FARGO, MAYOR

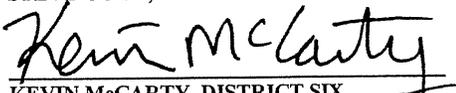
  
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