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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Albany Roundtable to be celebrated on May 28, 2009

WHEREAS, Residents of the City of Albany, New York, are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Albany Roundtable civic lunch series, an organization comprised of a special group of people who gather for the exchange of ideas with representatives of the arts, historic preservation, government, business and financial worlds; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Roundtable was founded in the fall of 1979 by a group of Albany citizens interested in furthering the renaissance taking place in the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Roundtable is a non-profit civic lunch forum that presents speakers with diverse viewpoints on timely subjects relating to the Albany region; and

WHEREAS, Its mission is to enrich the civic life of the community by fostering the exchange of ideas and information among people active in business, art, not-for-profits, governments, neighborhoods, and other urban activities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Albany Roundtable and to congratulate its members for their contributions as a link and common ground for leaders and active people in the business, cultural, educational and governmental sectors of the Albany community; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this auspicious event, the Albany Roundtable will host a reception on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at the University Club of Albany, featuring Jaime Correa as the Visiting Speaker; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished individual is a planner, architect, and professor at the University of Miami, and a respected authority in the fields of architecture, town design, and sustainable development; Jaime Correa is the author of SEVEN RECIPES FOR THE NEW URBANISM, and SELF-SUFFICIENT URBANISM: A VISION OF CONTRACTION FOR THE NON-DISTANT FUTURE; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Roundtable's founding President, Paul M. Bray, an Albany attorney and architecture, urban planning and history buff, envi-

sioned Albany having an open to the public civic lunch forum for the cross section of city residents and others interested in improving the historic city center and the overall quality of city living in Albany, to lunch together and have the opportunity to meet and hear leaders talk about city-related issues; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Roundtable has provided the public a first hand opportunity to see the unfolding of many changes and improvements in Albany, including the new Albany International Airport and the preservation of Union Station; speakers at the luncheons and special forums have ranged from former Governor Mario Cuomo to community leaders, and every January the Mayor of Albany delivers a state-of-the-city address; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging an active and widely participatory civic life has been the primary goal of the Albany Roundtable; it has proven itself by providing for almost a quarter century, a link and common ground for leaders and active people in the historic and still vitally active City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, From time to time the Albany Roundtable has sponsored workshops and forums on subjects like Gender Space, regional transportation, and living downtown; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Roundtable Civic Lunch Forum has unerringly maintained and expanded its focus of purpose, bringing together the forces and resources of the community to serve the citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Albany Roundtable to be celebrated on May 28, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Albany Roundtable.