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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Drs. Andrew and Galina Zaretsky upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Humanitarian Award by the Aleh Foundation

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Drs. Andrew and Galina Zaretsky upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Humanitarian Award by the Aleh Foundation, to be celebrated at its 28th Anniversary Awards Dinner Ceremony on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Zaretsky was born in 1959 in Ulyanovsk, Russia; he spent his childhood in a small town where only six Jewish families lived; in 1976, he moved to the larger city of Yaroslavl, in order to attend medical school, and it was there where he met his future wife, Galina; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from medical school, Drs. Andrew and Galina Zaretsky got married in 1983, started a family, and worked at a hospital in a small town near Moscow; after the end of the Cold War, and the gates from the Soviet Union were opened, the Zaretsky family migrated to New York in 1994; and

WHEREAS, After their arrival to New York, Dr. Andrew Zaretsky volunteered at Maimonides Medical Center while studying for the medical board exams; after earning his medical license, he completed residency at Maimonides, and then took a position at the Dr. Joseph Sholomon practice, where he has been working ever since; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Belorussia, Galina Zaretsky passed her medical exams after arriving in New York; she completed her residency in

the Lutheran hospital and currently has her own private practice in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their children, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, True assets to society, Drs. Andrew and Galina Zaretsky's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Drs. Andrew and Galina Zaretsky upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Humanitarian Award by the Aleh Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Drs. Andrew and Galina Zaretsky.