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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Albany Ambassadors upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Board of Directors of the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau on March 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Albany Ambassadors upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Board of Directors of the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting and Strategies Presentation on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at the Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Ambassador program began in 1993, when a committee comprised of members developed criteria and initiated the program with the first class of honorees in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Albany Ambassadors bring their association, sports, and group meetings to Albany and the Capital Region, building new business and civic pride; these volunteers devote countless hours to assure their meetings are successful, and are truly committed to the Albany community; and

WHEREAS, As a direct result of the steadfast dedication of Albany Ambassadors, more than 11,900 delegates discovered Albany in 2014, and their meetings filled more than 6,660 hotel room nights in the local community; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, more than 100 esteemed volunteers have

made a profound impact on the economy of the Capital Region; their combined efforts have brought more than 100,000 delegates to Albany; and WHEREAS, The Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau is proud to announce the addition of 17 Albany Ambassadors; this year's distinguished honorees include: Richard Cole, Marimar Lopez, Ph.D. and Sridar V. Chittur, Ph.D., Northeast Regional Life Sciences Core Directors; Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart, First Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church; Karl Oestreich, RPI Reunion Class of 1979; Lisa Kissinger and Alfred Sive, New York State Council for the Social Studies; Pat Miller and Sharon Putney, Sweet Adelines International-Greater New York/NJ Region No. 15; Jane Sanders, Women of Reformed Judaism; Rob Salkin, American Mensa Society/Mensa of Northeastern New York; Beverly Plowucha, NAFSA: Association of International Educators; Captain Neely Jennings, New York State Police; Richard McNeal, New York Council of Deliberation; Heather Courtney, Babe Ruth Middle Atlantic Region; Joseph Marturano III, Navy MSO Association Reunion; and Bill Kearsing, American Legion Department of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Albany Ambassadors upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by the Board of Directors of the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau on March 19, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned Albany Ambassador honorees.