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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Leslie and Barry Feinman upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Leslie and Barry Feinman upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center, to be celebrated at its 15th Annual Pillars of the Community Awards Brunch on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Congregation Beth Abraham-Jacob, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this prestigious award ceremony recognizes individuals for their contributions to the Center and the Jewish Community at large by acting as moral pillars and dispensers of wisdom and advice, providing continued service and leadership, and acting generously in the spirit of Tzedakah; Leslie and Barry Feinman are receiving this auspicious award for their Jewish leadership in the community; and

WHEREAS, Barry Feinman graduated from the State University of New York at Albany, in 1984, he entered the business industry; today, he is a partner in Vanguard-Fine, Safe Storage, a company which develops retail stores, plazas, warehouses, and institutional investments; and

WHEREAS, A licensed Real Estate Broker, Barry Feinman is both a found-

ing member and past President of New York State Self Storage Association, and a participant of the Commercial and Industrial Real Estate Board (CIREB), as well as the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC); and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Leslie and Barry Feinman have stood constant in dignity, good grace, and humor and have earned the respect and admiration of their colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, As a child, Barry Feinman attended afterschool programs, camps, sports programs, and other youth activities at the Jewish Community Center (JCC); currently, he remains dedicated to this essential organization, holding several positions on the Center's Board; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as President of the JCC Board, Barry Feinman was committed to making sure the Center finances were in order, and raising community awareness about the many lives that the Center touches each and every day with its enriching and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Feinman graduated from Albany Business College; she held various management positions until she was hired at the Albany Academy for Boys; and

WHEREAS, When her youngest child was born, Leslie Feinman dedicated her time to raising her family; after her children became more independent, she returned to work with her husband at Vanguard-Fine, where she helps coordinate the marketing, trade shows, and promotional work for the company; and

WHEREAS, Active in their community, Leslie Feinman and her children proudly serve meals to seniors at the JCC; in addition, she works at the Health Fair; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Feinman has been a team leader for a group of friends who ride with her at the Tour de Cure, where she helped raise significant funds for the organization; she also helped organize a Make-A-Wish

Foundation Gala, and volunteers for The Jewish Federation's ROAR

Program, helping children who are having difficulty reading; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their three children, Benjamin, Erika, and Sam, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their life and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center provides a nurturing environment where individuals and families can grow and develop in mind, body, and spirit; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization's core values are rooted in Jewish principles, representing the interests, concerns, and perspectives of the Jewish community, and the community at large, and welcomes all members regardless of their faith or background; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Leslie and Barry Feinman have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Leslie and Barry Feinman upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leslie and Barry Feinman.