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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Claire Sigal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial 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 Claire Sigal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial 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 awards 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; Claire Sigal is receiving this auspicious award for her Jewish leadership in the community; and

WHEREAS, A native of Rochester, New York, Claire Sigal earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut; she furthered her education by obtaining a Master's degree in Social Work from the State University of New York at Albany's School of Social Welfare; and

WHEREAS, Claire Sigal began her professional career providing counseling and making home visits to seniors at Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York; she then left work to raise her family; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Claire Sigal returned to the workforce, holding the position of Assistant Director in the Senior Adult Department of the Albany Jewish Community Center (JCC); five years later, she was promoted to the esteemed title of Director of the Senior Adult Program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her 22 years of dedicated service to the Albany JCC, Claire Sigal has been tirelessly committed to providing exemplary assistance to the Senior Adult Program; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her husband of 37 years, Joel, and their two children, Emily and Jed (Elyse), all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her 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 interest, 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 Claire Sigal has displayed throughout her life; 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 Claire Sigal upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial 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 Claire Sigal.