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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gabrielle Schaffer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lenore Bellin Memorial Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gabrielle Schaffer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lenore Bellin 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 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; Gabrielle Schaffer is receiving this auspicious award for her young Jewish leadership in the community; and

WHEREAS, Gabrielle Schaffer serves as the Executive Vice President of Communication of Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished swimmer, Gabrielle Schaffer competed in the JCC Maccabi Games in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Rockland, New York, and Orange County, California, where she received numerous medals for her outstanding swimming ability; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gabrielle Schaffer is an experienced lifeguard, and has volunteered her time and energies to many events throughout the

community; and

WHEREAS, An Albany JCC Camp Olam and Teen Camp Alumna, Gabrielle Schaffer is the loving daughter of Adam and Debbie Schaffer, and attends Voorheesville High School; 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, With her sense of civic duty and her commitment to others, Gabrielle Schaffer represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; 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 Gabrielle Schaffer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Lenore Bellin 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 Gabrielle Schaffer.