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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert E. Ganz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Guilderland Library Foundation Founders' Award on April 25, 2015

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, Robert E. Ganz has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert E. Ganz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Guilderland Library Foundation Founders' Award, to be celebrated with a gala on Saturday, April 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Ganz has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Born in Trenton, New Jersey, Robert E. Ganz graduated magna cum laude from the University of Rochester in 1973 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science; he went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Upon his completion of law school, Robert E. Ganz returned to Rochester where he joined a large law firm as an Associate before relocating to the Capital District in 1978; during this time, in addition to his legal work, Robert became head of the Hillel Foundation in Albany, as well as an officer and ultimately President of the synagogue Congregation Ohav Shalom; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was actively involved with the interfaith

chapel at SUNY Albany where he was instrumental in a rebuilding campaign after a devastating fire destroyed its old facility; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Robert E. Ganz began his own practice, and seeing it grow, just seven years later, he became a Founding Partner of Ganz, Wolkenbreit & Siegfeld LLP where he continues to practice commercial litigation, business, employment law, and real estate litigation; and

WHEREAS, A frequent lecturer for Bar Associations and other continuing legal education providers in business law topics, Robert E. Ganz has been recognized by his peers with the Super Lawyer designation for upstate New York in the area of commercial litigation for the past seven consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Robert E. Ganz was a member of the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2014, serving as its President from 2004 to 2007; he has also served as Vice President of the Daughters of Sarah Foundation, Inc. and President of the Jewish National Fund of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed man is Past President of Congregation Ohav Shalom, Past member of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Association of the Blind, and Past Chairman of the Campus Commission of the Jewish Federation of NENY; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Ganz is the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Distinguished Service Award by Empire State Food Service Association and the Trustee of the Year Award by the Upper Hudson Library System; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Dorothy, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Robert E. Ganz has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Robert E. Ganz has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Robert E. Ganz upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Guilderland Library Foundation Founders' Award on April 25, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert E. Ganz.