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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jason Brzoska upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Academy Award by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 individuals who 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 Jason Brzoska upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Academy Award by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District to be celebrated at a dinner on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at Congregation Agudat Achim, Niskayuna, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is bestowed upon individuals who exemplify the mission of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District through intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and love of learning while celebrating the richness of their Jewish traditions; and

WHEREAS, Jason Brzoska has shown brightly in his respective field, while maintaining a sense of community, service, and integrity, as well as an ongoing commitment to the Jewish foundation instilled in them by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy; and

WHEREAS, A 1994 graduate of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, Jason Brzoska furthered his education at the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Jason Brzoska served as the CEO/co-Director of MyJewishLearning.com, the leading transdenominational website of Jewish information and education; in addition, he was the Operations

Director for the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel; and

WHEREAS, Today, Jason Brzoska holds the position of CEO/President of Practical Development Solutions, a consulting firm which provides comprehensive assistance to not-for-profit and mission-based for-profit organizations; in addition, he is a certified Leadership and Executive Coach through the International Coach Federation; and

WHEREAS, Renowned and well-respected in his field, Jason Brzoska has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including his selection to the Professional Leaders Project in 2004, and a Jewish scholarship to the Gestalt International Study Center's "Leadership in the 21st Century," a prestigious executive training program; and

WHEREAS, Jason Brzoska 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, Dedicated to his community, Jason Brzoska has served for five years on the United Jewish Appeal (UJA)/Federation of New York's Caring Commission; in this capacity, he participated in the allocation of a significant amount of funds to various agencies throughout the Greater New York Area and Israel; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this remarkable man is a member of numerous UJA tasks forces and committees, and the Board of Directors for JChoice.org, as well as the Advisory Board for the Center for Jewish Studies at his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Jason Brzoska has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Jason Brzoska has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jason Brzoska upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of

the 2015 Academy Award by the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jason Brzoska.