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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Harry and Anne Rosenfeld upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Harry and Anne Rosenfeld 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 16th Annual Pillars of the Community Awards Brunch on Sunday, April 17, 2016, 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; and

WHEREAS, Harry Rosenfeld was born in Berlin, Germany, on August 12, 1929, and immigrated with his family to the United States in May of 1939; he honorably served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War; he married Anne Hahn in 1953, just weeks before he was sent overseas; and

WHEREAS, Harry Rosenfeld, as editor-at-large, is a consultant to the TIMES UNION and a member of its editorial board; in 1997, he retired from the paper, which he had served as editor and editor-at-large since 1978, and until 1988 he was also editor of the KNICKERBOCKER NEWS;

during his tenure, the paper achieved its record circulation; and
WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2013, he published his autobiography, FROM
KRISTALLNACHT TO WATERGATE: MEMOIRS OF A NEWSPAPERMAN; the book was
awarded two Bronze Medals; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Harry Rosenfeld was appointed to three
consecutive Cameras in the Courts Review Committees in New York State,
the sole member so selected; for 12 years he was elected vice chairman
of the NYS Conference on Fair Trial Free press and on retirement was
made vice chair emeritus; he was chosen four times to serve as juror to
select submissions for Pulitzer prizes; and

WHEREAS, Before coming to Albany, Harry Rosenfeld was an assistant
managing editor of THE WASHINGTON POST, during which time he earned the
newspaper a Pulitzer gold medal for public service; he was cited by the
Associated Press in its Freedom of Information Award for his role in the
Watergate coverage and received the First Amendment Award of the Anti-
Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Harry Rosenfeld then began his newspaper career at THE NEW
YORK HERALD TRIBUNE and eventually served as managing editor of that
paper's news service and as foreign editor of the paper; for a brief
time, he was an associate producer at CBS News; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has received numerous awards and recogni-
tions including Distinguished Alumni Award from Syracuse University's
College of Arts and Sciences; first prize for his weekly column from the
NYS Associated Press Association; Media Responsibility Award from the
NYS Martin Luther King Jr. Commission and Institute for Non-Violence;
Maimonides School's Dr. Morton Berger Memorial Award; University of
Albany's School of Social Welfare Distinguished Public Service Award,

and an honorary doctorate of humane letters by the College of Saint
Rose; and

WHEREAS, Prior to coming to Albany, Anne Rosenfeld served as vice
president of her Reform congregation, taught pre-school and was a very

active member of the community; upon arrival in Albany, she was asked to assist an effort by the Federation to work with SUNY Albany faculty and students, which subsequently led to the formation of a Hillel chapter; and

WHEREAS, Anne Rosenfeld's interest in the arts was heightened by her work with the Albany League of Arts, and for many years she served as board member, vice president and co-president of the Institute for Arts and Education; the Institute's programs brought arts, literature, architecture, dance and drama into regional schools, bringing together creative practitioners with teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her community, Anne Rosenfeld volunteered for Wildwood Programs, where she was instrumental in the establishment and success of its garden show; she also served on the University at Albany Foundation Board, advocating for arts and humanities programs and expanding its board membership as a member of its nominating committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she served on the board of B'nai B'rith Senior Housing, helping to shape a comfortable environment for the elderly; she also currently volunteers with the Jewish Federation's ROAR reading program; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Albany, Harry and Anne Rosenfeld are the parents of Susan, Amy and Stefanie, and they have seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Harry and Anne Rosenfeld have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Harry and Anne Rosenfeld 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 Harry and Anne Rosenfeld.