

## 2015-J4633

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Harrison and Marissa Burack upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Herbert A. Applebaum and Lenore Bellin Memorial Awards 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 Harrison and Marissa Burack upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Herbert A. Applebaum and Lenore Bellin Memorial Awards 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, the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center (JCC) presents this prestigious award to high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding leadership at the Center, synagogue, school and community; and

WHEREAS, Since the age of two, brother and sister team Harrison and Marissa Burack have been members of the Sidney Albert Albany JCC, getting an early start in Rompers and Nursery School, developing life-long friendships and skills through years in camp and as members of the Arrows Swim Team, Teen Camp and Lifeguard staff, and medalists in the JCC Maccabi games; and

WHEREAS, With steadfast and unwavering dedication to helping others, Harrison and Marissa Burack also give tirelessly of their time and energies to the Center's 60 plus Dining Program, a commitment which began in

2010; and

WHEREAS, The children of Scott and Cheryl Burack, Harrison and Marissa Burack are members of Congregation Ohav Shalom where they lead Shabbat services, and both participate in Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, Harrison Burack is very committed to his role as teacher's aide at B'Yachad, the Hebrew school of Temple Israel and Congregation B'nai Shalom; he has also volunteered with the Town of Colonie Youth Court, Albany County Regional Food Bank and St. Peter's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, At Guilderland High, Harrison Burack is active in student government, a member of the National Honor Society and Guilderland Players stage crew, and assists with the school's sports broadcasting and IT help desk; he is a graduate of Hebrew Academy and aspires to become a Software Engineer at Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Hebrew Academy, Marissa Burack is president of Guilderland High School's student government, a track athlete, a member of the National Honor Society and has been a high school student representative for the Guilderland Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Burack has also volunteered with the Town of Colonie Youth Court, Regional Food Bank and is a recipient of the Sage College Recognition Award and Guilderland Board of Education Academic Achievement Award; she will be attending the Honors Program as a Presidential Scholar at Bentley University for Business and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, With their sense of civic duty and their commitment to others, Harrison and Marissa Burack represent 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 Harrison and Marissa Burack upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Herbert A. Applebaum and Lenore Bellin Memorial Awards by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harrison and Marissa Burack.