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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Richard and Kathy Kotlow upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 Richard and Kathy Kotlow 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, Residents of Slingerlands, New York, Richard and Kathy Kotlow have made significant contributions which have had a positive and lasting impact on the community and the organizations at which they have served; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his accomplished career as a licensed CPA with UHY Advisors New York, Richard Kotlow has devoted many years to public

service including past board member and treasurer at the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center (JCC); past treasurer and current chair elect for the Schenectady County Community College Foundation; past president and current executive committee member and membership chair of the 50 Group; past board chair and current treasurer for Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau; organizing board member and treasurer of the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District; member of Bethlehem 2000; and member of the Bethlehem Microenterprise Grant Application Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, Richard Kotlow was also inducted into Junior Achievement of Northeastern New York's Tech Valley Hall of Fame and is an annual instructor for the Bethlehem Middle School; his 17-year term with the Sidney Albert Albany JCC board provided invaluable business and financial expertise during some very critical times; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Albany High School and the University of Massachusetts, Richard Kotlow began his illustrious career at UHY in 1972; over the years he has held many leadership positions including partner and shareholder; managing partner for the Albany office; and President/CEO of UHY Advisors New York; he has also served on the boards of UHY Advisors Inc. and UHY International; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Kotlow, a retired registered nurse, spent many years as Director of Nursing and Compliance Supervisor for multiple home health care agencies where she earned wide respect in the profession from both providers and regulatory agencies; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast volunteer, Kathy Kotlow has participated on various committees at both the Sidney Albert Albany JCC and Congregation Beth Emeth, and has assisted the Slingerlands School with many events; she has dedicated her life to her immediate and extended family as well

as her many interests which include travel, gardening, interior design and crafting; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their three children Karyn

(Dan), Eric (Colleen) and Michael, as well as their three grandchildren, Lucy, Keeting and Joseph, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Richard and Kathy Kotlow have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard and Kathy Kotlow 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 Richard and Kathy Kotlow.