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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Phyllis Frisch upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial 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 Phyllis Frisch upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial 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, the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center (JCC) presents this prestigious award to a JCC staff member or volunteer who best embodies the values demonstrated everyday by its late Executive Director, Susan Shpeen: devotion, enthusiasm and dedication to the Center, its members and staff; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Frisch began her illustrious career at the Albany JCC in 1979, during which time she was hired to run the early childhood division of the day camp and 3 year-old class; her indomitable spirit and passion for educating children has left an indelible impression on countless children throughout her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Frisch has been instrumental in the development of a

curriculum for the organization's first Kindergarten program, and in the creation of a lending library for three, four and five year-olds; she also currently runs the QualityStars program, developing curriculum with the teachers and serving as the Judaic specialist; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Phyllis Frisch established the Center's Birthday Bag program, in which donated items are collected and put together into birthday bags for homeless children who otherwise may not celebrate their birthdays; the bags are given to the Albany food pantries and distributed to sites in the Albany area; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering dedication to the Sidney Albert Albany JCC, Phyllis Frisch is always thinking of ways she can help improve programming, support teachers, and assist members; her love and enthusiasm for the Center is truly evident each and every day in all that she does; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 37 years, Steven, and her two sons, Adam (Stephanie) and Jared (Hanna), as well as her granddaughter, Leena, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Phyllis Frisch has displayed throughout her life; 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 Phyllis Frisch upon the occasion of her designation as recipient

of the Susan Shpeen Memorial 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 Phyllis Frisch.