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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States Post No. 105 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel on May 19, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations 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 and organizations 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 The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States Post No. 105 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of this unique award was inspired by the passion and enthusiasm of a movement in the Capital District to embrace the best of the human spirit in us all; the Circle of Humanity Award represents our recognition of those who demonstrate what can be accomplished within each person's heart and soul; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to those who have shown courage and initiative to reach out, together, to create an atmosphere that is at once positive, exciting and contagious, truly devoting themselves to making a positive difference in the local community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States Post No. 105 of Albany, New York has more than 80 years of service to the Capital Region's Jewish Community and the cause of veterans' nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Originally chartered in February 1935, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States Post's 21 charter members ultimately led to the formation of the Capital Region District Council along with posts from Schenectady, Troy, Utica, and Glens Falls; Post No. 36 in Saratoga Springs joined the council in 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States Post No. 105 includes a diverse group of Jewish veterans of World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, Gulf War, the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization supports the efforts of the national organization to combat bigotry and foster citizenship and patriotism; post veterans support their fellow comrades and families along with ensuring honors and care for the gravesites of our fallen; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States Post No. 105 is a volunteer partner with the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, to assist with veterans' causes and their care and is the charter organization for the annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award, first presented in 1966; and

WHEREAS, The JWV is the oldest veterans organization in the country and is a sponsor of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States Post No. 105 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel on May 19, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Jewish War Veterans (JWV) of the United States Post No. 105, Albany, New York.