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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Herbert Lepor upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Aleh Foundation

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Herbert Lepor upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Aleh Foundation, to be celebrated at its 29th Anniversary Awards Dinner Ceremony on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herbert Lepor is one of the leading internationally recognized experts in the field of prostate cancer; he completed his urology training at the Brady Urological Institute of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in 1985; his first academic position was as Chief of Urology at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis and Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 37, Dr. Lepor was appointed Chairman of Urology at the NYU School of Medicine, the youngest chairman of a major academic urology department in the country; in 1996, he was the recipient of the American Urological Association's Gold Cystoscope Award, which recognizes superior contributions to the field of Urology; and

WHEREAS, A few years later, Dr. Lepor was inducted into the Hopkins Society of Scholars, an honor bestowed on alumni of Johns Hopkins University who have made outstanding contributions to their respective fields of interest; recently, he was inducted into the Clinical Society of the Genitourinary Surgeons; membership in this prestigious society is limited to 22 members of the academic urology community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepor has lectured throughout the world and has been an invited named visiting professor at over 20 urology institutions in the country; he has published over 300 articles in the peer-reviewed literature; many of these articles are related to improving outcomes following radical prostatectomy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepor's surgical outcomes are rigorously ascertained and are amongst the best reported in the surgical literature; he had a vision which was to establish a multidisciplinary team of urological oncological surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, pathologists, health services investigators, and radiologists who were bound by one common interest, optimizing the treatment of prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lepor is the Director of the Smilow Center; today, the Smilow team is on the forefront of prostate cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment, and is well-positioned to develop the new treatment paradigms for prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Ellen, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Dr. Herbert Lepor's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Herbert Lepor upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Aleh Foundation; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Herbert Lepor.