

## 2013-J547

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Steve Lobel for his dedicated and distinguished service to the Capital Region

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Steve Lobel for his dedicated and distinguished service to the Capital Region, to be celebrated on Friday, March 1, 2013, at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall; and

WHEREAS, Steve Lobel currently serves as vice president of Anchor Agency, Inc.; he previously served as assistant vice president for Alumni Affairs at the University at Albany; his capital region entrepreneurial activities span over three decades, and he was the University's director of marketing before assuming the alumni position; and

WHEREAS, However, Steve Lobel is best known as the founder of The Cheese Connection, which had its start in 1980 in Albany's Robinson Square and later moved to Stuyvesant Plaza, where it expanded and was renamed Cowan & Lobel; and

WHEREAS, A long-time member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, Steve Lobel has served as an adjunct faculty member in the evening MBA Program at UAlbany's School of Business; he also served as founding chair of the advisory council for the MBA Program, and was also an adjunct professor at Union College; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Steve Lobel is associated with many local community boards, including past service with Albany Center Galleries, Albany Senior Services, Senior Services of Albany Foundation, United Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York, University at Albany Foundation, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Steve Lobel currently serves as board member of The Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region, The Center for Jewish Studies at UAlbany, the Albany Tula Alliance, and is Chairman of the Board of the Albany Symphony Orchestra; he is a recipient of the Outstanding

Leadership Award from the United Jewish Federation along with the Edward H. Pattison Citizenship Award; in June of 2011, he received the Spirit of the Arts Award from the Arts Center of the Capital Region as well as the Anshel Weiss Community Builders Award from Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York; and

WHEREAS, Not only is Steve Lobel an avid photojournalist, but he is also a published journalist with many articles on various topics; in May of 2006, he published his first book, RECOGNITION BEYOND BURNED, PORTRAITS OF SURVIVAL, REBIRTH & HOPE featuring his photographic portraits of burn survivors; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Vivian, their children Mia and Joshua, as well as their four grandchildren, Ezekiel, Lila, Nikolai and Ali Rose, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Steve Lobel'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 Steve Lobel for his dedicated and distinguished service to the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Steve Lobel.