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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Herman and Devera (Deb) Ungerman upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center Pillars of the Community Award on April 14, 2013

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Herman and Devera (Deb) Ungerman upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center Pillars of the Community Award at the Center's 13th Annual Pillars of the Community Awards Brunch to be held on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at Albany's Congregation Beth Emeth; and

WHEREAS, The Pillars of the Community Award is presented to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Center and/or to the Jewish community at-large through education, service, and acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, Herman and Deb Ungerman truly merit such recognition; and

WHEREAS, Herman and Deb Ungerman are native Albanians with a rich and dutiful commitment to family and community; with selfless devotion to community spanning more than 50 years, including numerous leadership positions and a generous spirit, the Ungermans are true pillars of the community; and

WHEREAS, Herm and Deb graduated from Philip Schuyler High School in 1949; Herm served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in 1956; he subsequently formed and operated a family-owned electrical contracting business - Herm Ungerman, Inc.; Deb retired in 1994 after working 32 years for the State of New

York, retiring as Executive Secretary to the Chairman of the New York State Division of Parole; and

WHEREAS, Herm Ungerman's leadership in the community is of exceptional note and includes serving on the board of Congregation Beth Abraham Jacob; he is a current member of its board and served three terms as its President; he is also a Past President of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York; he was, in addition, Chairman of the Federation's Foundation and a valued and active member of many of the Federation's board committees; and

WHEREAS, Herm Ungerman also served several terms as President of Jewish Family Services and the Daughters of Sarah Foundation; he was, in addition, the Chancellor Commander of Albany City Lodge #540 of the Knights of Pithias, President of the Optimist Club of Albany and B'nai B'rith Gideon Lodge and Chairman of the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Many other organizations welcomed and valued Herm Ungerman's board service as well, including the Hebrew Academy; the Albany Jewish Community Center; Parson's Child and Family Center; United Way of Northeastern New York; the Chapel House Interfaith Center at SUNY Albany; the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America; the Albany Senior Service Center Foundation; Hope House; and Jewish War Veterans Post #105's Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Herm Ungerman has fittingly been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Leukemia Society Man of the Year Award; the David Ben-Gurion Israel Bonds Award; the B'nai B'rith Covenant Award; the Hope House Recognition Award; the Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award; a Fifty Years of Dedicated Service to Our Community Award and a Communal Recognition Award from Yeshiva University; and

WHEREAS, Devoted in marriage for 58 years, Herm Ungerman and Deb Proskin Ungerman are the proud parents of Susan Ungerman and Michelle Sanders and the blessed grandparents of seven grandchildren; and, Herm and Deb are devoted and valued members of Congregation Beth Abraham Jacob; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Herman and Devera (Deb) Ungerman have stood constant in dignity, good grace, and humor and have earned the respect and admiration of their colleagues, family and

friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Herman and Deb Ungerman have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That is Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Herman and Devera (Deb) Ungerman upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center Pillars of the Community Award on April 14, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Herman and Devera Ungerman.