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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mark and Jane Levine upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

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, and family; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mark and Jane Levine upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Center's 14th Annual Pillars of the Community Awards Brunch to be held on Sunday, April 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Jane Levine are lifelong Capital District residents and the owners of Levine Memorial Chapel; for many years they have worked side by side, operating this funeral service founded by Mark Levine's father, Robert M. Levine; and

WHEREAS, Leaders in their industry, this esteemed couple has been invited to serve on the Independent Jewish Funeral Directors Association's Kavod steering committee and are members of the Capital District, New York State and National Funeral Directors associations; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Jane Levine are members of multiple Jewish congregations, including Congregation Beth Emeth, where Mark Levine is a

member of its Brotherhood, and Jane Levine a member of its Sisterhood;  
and

WHEREAS, The Levines are devoted to giving back to their community through volunteerism; they have served as volunteers at Ronald McDonald House Charities and supported countless walkathons and benefits for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; Mark Levine is a member and past president of the Independent Benevolent Society in Albany, and Jane Levine is a lifelong member of the Hadassah of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Their numerous honors for their charitable works include the Anshei Chesed Award from Hadassah of the Capital District and the Friendship Circle's Extraordinary Friends and Heroes Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Mark and Jane Levine 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 a couple for the benefit of others which Mark and Jane Levine have displayed throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mark and Jane Levine upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community 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 Mark and Jane Levine.