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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Memorial Tribute Award by the Aleh Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Memorial Tribute Award by the Aleh Foundation, to be celebrated at the Foundation's 30th Annual Awards Dinner at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, on Wednesday, May 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Aleh Foundation was established in 1984, by a group of women wanting to assist with the staggering needs of disabled children in Israel; it has grown from a small hospice program for children, becoming Israel's largest provider of educational rehabilitative services to severely disabled children with a network of more than 30,000 friends throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Aleh Foundation's 30th Annual Awards Dinner is being dedicated in loving memory to Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro, and a special benediction will be recited in recognition of the tremendous support they have given to the organization over the years; their children, Dr. Craig Shapiro, Joshua Kaplan, and Stephanie Cohen, will be accepting the Memorial Tribute Award on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro each dedicated their lives to volunteerism and charity, giving back to their community and for the good of mankind; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed couple were important contributors to the Aleh Foundation, helping fulfill its vital mission of helping disabled children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro were also noted for their work supporting numerous other Jewish causes; they helped found the Omaha Hebrew Academy, and donated land for the Beth Israel Synagogue; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Shapiro was a coordinator at the University of Nebraska Transplant Program, where she assisted and supported families of transplant patients; she was recognized for her community service by being awarded the Nebraska Volunteer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro posthumously, upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Memorial Tribute Award by the Aleh Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned children of Dr. Irving and Elaine Shapiro.