

## 2013-J5586

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michelle Feder upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement on April 25, 2014

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michelle Feder in partnership with Evelyn Sanles, Director, Club Zoe, Inc., and Hannah Attard upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement, which was celebrated at an Award Ceremony at the University at Albany, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed award honors University at Albany community partnerships which are enhancing public well-being in the Capital Region and beyond; their community engagement is a collaboration between higher education institutions and external partners in the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources to address areas of public need; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Feder is recognized for her exemplary community-engaged student leadership and service in developing a long-standing partnership with Club Zoe, Inc., an after-school program serving disadvantaged youth in Albany's South End; and

WHEREAS, Also being honored is Club Zoe's Executive Director, Evelyn Sanles, who has worked tirelessly to provide a safe and positive place for at-risk youth through academic, recreational, and other types of programs; additionally, UAlbany student Hannah Attard is recognized for

her dedicated partnership with Michelle Feder in this effort; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Feder is a UAlbany Alumna with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Class of 2011; currently, she is a Candidate, Ph.D., School of Education; and

WHEREAS, While an undergraduate student, Michelle Feder created a free Tae Kwon Do program for youth at Club Zoe, Inc., teaching students in classes once a week for six years with Hannah Attard serving as an assistant instructor; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated woman has raised funds to support the Tae Kwon Do program, and organized food drives to help retain the club's dining program, engaging other UAlbany students in the effort; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Michelle Feder and Evelyn Sanles have collaborated to recruit more tutors for the Study Buddies program, and address other needs as well; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Feder's leadership and dedication have made a major difference in the availability and quality of Club Zoe programs, while helping to form and expand partnerships with UAlbany; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 Michelle Feder upon the occasion of being selected to receive the 2014 University at Albany President's Award for Exemplary Community Engagement on April 25, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Michelle Feder.