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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee upon the occasion of the celebration of its 100th Anniversary on June 12, 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 organizations which devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee upon the occasion of the celebration of its 100th Anniversary of its founding, and to recognize its significant contributions to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, To observe this auspicious milestone, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) will host a reception commencing a Centennial Exhibit at the New York Historical Society on Thursday, June 12, 2014, with approximately 200 Jewish community leaders and philanthropists in attendance from the JDC Board as well as other major Jewish organizations in New York; and

WHEREAS, The reception will preview the New-York Historical Society's multi-media exhibit from the JDC Archives, observing a century of achievement; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1804, the New-York Historical Society is one of America's preeminent cultural institutions, dedicated to fostering research and presenting history and art exhibitions and public programs which reveal the dynamism of history and its influence on the world of today; and

WHEREAS, The JDC was founded in New York City in 1914; 100 years

later, it is recognized as a world leading international Jewish humanitarian assistance organization; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed and renowned organization serves the global Jewish community and others in need; JDC now works in more than 70 countries, impacting more than one million lives each year, alleviating hunger and hardship, rescuing Jews in danger, creating lasting

connections to Jewish life, and providing immediate relief and long-term development support for victims of natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, The JDC has pioneered high-impact programs which provide access to education, health care, food, shelter, and assistance with job training and placement for governments and other organizations to utilize; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the JDC has been instrumental in the transformation of the lives of women and girls throughout the world through initiatives which provide access to health care and education, encouraging them to overcome gender barriers, receive an education, and become community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Today, the JDC engages many young individuals in the United States to participate in rescue, renewal, and revitalization work through service and volunteer programs around the world; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, the JDC's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee upon the occasion of the celebration of its 100th Anniversary on June 12, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.