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Senate Resolution No. 4017

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Jacob Brass upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Herbert A. Applebaum Memorial Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jacob Brass upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Herbert A. Applebaum Memorial Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center, to be celebrated on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at Temple Israel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this prestigious awards ceremony recognizes individuals for their contributions to the Center and the Jewish community-at-large by acting as moral pillars and dispensers of wisdom and advice, providing continued service and leadership, and acting generously in the spirit of Tzedakah; and

WHEREAS, Widely known for his extraordinary dedication to Israel and

the local community, Jacob Brass' leadership endeavors continue to inspire all of those who are lucky enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Delmar, New York, Jacob Brass is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School where he competes in Varsity Track and Cross Country; he plans to continue his education to study business; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Brass has been a member of the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center (JCC) since he was just two months old; he progressed through the Early Childhood program and is a graduate of the JCC Kindergarten class of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Jacob Brass attended camp, learned to swim and celebrated many birthdays at the Center; as a teen, he continued to be involved both as a participant and volunteer for the Dunkin Run, as well as a volunteer for the Senior Health Fair; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Brass attended the Hebrew Academy for two years and a summer at Camp Givah; he enjoyed five summers at Crane Lake Camp in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, An active member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Jacob Brass has participated in its Youth Group, where he had an opportunity to join other Jewish teens in a Civil Rights Teen Tour; additionally, he is a member of the Beth Emeth confirmation class of 2016; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to volunteerism, Jacob Brass gives of his time and energies to the Children's High Holiday Program; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, Jacob Brass spent a summer away on a

two-month course in the Yukon Territory with the National Outdoor Leadership School; he is currently working at Steiner's Ski and Bike Shop in Glenmont; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his parents, Ruth and Rob, as well as his two younger brothers, Ethan and Eli, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his commitment to others, Jacob Brass represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jacob Brass upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Herbert A. Applebaum Memorial 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 Jacob Brass.