

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Beatrice Zeides posthumously upon the occasion of the designation of a tribute award in her memory by the Aleh Foundation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Beatrice Zeides posthumously upon the occasion of the designation of a tribute award in her memory by the Aleh Foundation; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, the Aleh Foundation was formed by a group of women to help cope with the staggering needs of disabled children in Israel; in 1989, a United States fundraising office was established and expanded the Foundation's public relations and fundraising activities; and

WHEREAS, The Aleh Foundation has developed a network of more than 30,000 friends throughout the United States who are staunch supporters; with the Foundation's help, the rehabilitation centers in Israel grew from a hospice program of 23 children to become the nation's largest provider of educational rehabilitative services to severely developmentally disabled children operating in four different cities in Israel; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Aleh Foundation also sends highly specialized equipment to Israel for use by disabled children, including therapeutic communication toys; specialized cups and spoons; custom designed carriages and wheelchairs; hard-to-obtain medicines, clothing and many personal items; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Zeides of blessed memory suffered from cerebral palsy; although disabled, she heroically managed to obtain a wonderful education and prestigious full time employment at US Life Insurance Company, courageously navigating the New York City subway system in her daily commute to work; and

WHEREAS, Not a burden to others despite her serious disability, Beatrice Zeides left a legacy of warm memories, kindness and giving; and

WHEREAS, The life ideals of Beatrice Zeides represented kindness, compassion and love to all of humanity; her exuberance towards good deeds was of paramount importance and an essence of her being; and

WHEREAS, Instilled by her parents to be charitable and kind, the life of Beatrice Zeides serves as a model for future generations; her wonderful acts of concern, generosity and perseverance are an example for all to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Lillian Zeides, a highly acclaimed philanthropist and prominent sponsor of the Aleh Foundation will accept the Foundation's tribute award in the memory of her sister, the late Beatrice Zeides; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Beatrice Zeides stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Beatrice Zeides displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhanced the well-being and vitality of their profession and community, and demonstrated a long and sustained commitment to excellence, certain-

ly have earned the recognition and applause of all citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Beatrice Zeides posthumously upon the occasion of the designation of a tribute award in her memory by the Aleh Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lillian Zeides.