

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Zita Toby Katzenstein 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 Zita Toby Katzenstein 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, Zita Toby Katzenstein of blessed memory was a pillar of courage; her life ideals represented kindness, compassion, and love to all of humanity; she provided her community with an extraordinary role model of charity and kindness which serves as an example for future generations; and

WHEREAS, A devoted wife and compassionate friend to Aleh Foundation, Zita Toby Katzenstein's exuberance towards good deeds was of paramount importance and an essence of her being; she heroically left a legacy of kindness and giving; every moment of her life was measured and meticulously dedicated to the needs of her community, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, The legacy Zita Toby Katzenstein leaves behind can be seen in the smiles on the faces of Aleh's children who benefited from her generosity; and

WHEREAS, Zita Toby Katzenstein had a passion for piano and tennis, and devoted her life to helping the disabled children of Aleh, as well as Boys Town and other worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ludwig Katzenstein, the husband of the late Zita Toby Katzenstein, and a generous supporter of the Aleh Foundation, will accept the Foundation's tribute award in the memory of Zita Toby Katzenstein; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Zita Toby Katzenstein 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 Zita Toby Katzenstein 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, certainly 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 Zita Toby Katzenstein 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 Ludwig Katzenstein.