

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Tribute Award by the Aleh Foundation

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Tribute Award by the Aleh Foundation, to be celebrated at its 29th Anniversary Awards Dinner Ceremony on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Fouzailoff was born in Israel to his parents Yuda and Tamara Fouzailoff, successful diamond dealers; he studied at NYU and graduated with honors; and

WHEREAS, The founder and artistic designer of JB Star, Rafael Fouzailoff is a visionary leader with a passion for precision; JB Star is about passion, dedication and striving for excellence; and

WHEREAS, Rafael and Ruth Fouzailoff incorporate their passion and dedication to Aleh's disabled children and are pleased to accept this esteemed honor in loving memory of Ruth's father OB"M Yaacov Baruch ben Moshe and Rachel ha' Cohen; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Fouzailoff graduated from NYU, Miami National University, and Culinary School, as well as Holistic Health; for the past 20 years, she has volunteered her time and energies at Sloan Kettering and Cornell Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff are supporters of the Aleh Foundation and attended many functions in New York, enabling the disabled children in Israel to get the best care and the most sophisticated therapies in four cities in Israel; and

WHEREAS, They are involved in many charitable causes and are distinguished members of Congregation Kahal Adath Jeshurin, Saffra Synagogue, The Moroccan Synagogue, Park East Synagogue, and more; and

WHEREAS, Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff are the proud parents of three beautiful daughters, Shellie Natali, Orli Aliza and Talia Judit, who are students in Ramaz school; and

WHEREAS, Ruth's father, Yaacov Baruch Cohen was born and raised in Israel; his life ideals represented kindness, compassion, and love to all of humanity; he married Aliza Cohen, a successful teacher and raised three wonderful children, Moshe, Raquel and Ruth; together they operated a successful textile business, Tri Tetill, and continued their business when they moved to Caracas, Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen's exuberance towards chesed was of paramount importance and an essence of his being; he was a modest man and quietly established a fund for many poor families as well as orphans and widows; and

WHEREAS, In 1980 when he became ill, he moved to Miami, Florida; together with his wife, they continued helping others even though he himself was suffering for many years; and

WHEREAS, Compassionate friends to the Aleh Foundation, Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff are honored to participate and accept a tribute in loving memory of Yaacov Baruch son of Moshe ha' Cohen; and

WHEREAS, True assets to society, Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff's distinguished records merit the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Tribute Award by the Aleh Foundation; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruth and Rafael Fouzailoff.