

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ariel Settenbrino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Young Leadership Award by the Aleh Foundation

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 Ariel Settenbrino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Young Leadership Award by the Aleh Foundation; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Foundation's 30th Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Aleh Foundation was established in 1984, by a group of women wanting to assist with the staggering needs of disabled children in Israel; it has grown from a small hospice program for children, to become Israel's largest provider of educational rehabilitative services to severely disabled children, with a network of more than 30,000 friends throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, A young man with a strong work ethic, and deep compassion for others, Ariel Settenbrino is truly deserving of the Aleh Foundation's 2014 Young Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Four years ago, Ariel Settenbrino made the decision to twin his Bar Mitzvah with that of a severely disabled child residing at an Aleh center in Jerusalem, foregoing a large celebration with friends; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young man has also devoted much of his time to working with veterans, volunteering once a week at the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated student and musician, Ariel Settenbrino is able to find time in his busy schedule to participate in socially conscious endeavors; he participated in the 5k Run/Walk to benefit children with developmental disorders in Israel; in addition, he is a devoted grandson to his disabled grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Ariel Settenbrino has displayed throughout his young life; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward improving community life, acting as models of leadership to be emulated by others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ariel Settenbrino upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Young Leadership Award by the Aleh Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ariel Settenbrino.