

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James E. Panton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award by the Albany Center Gallery

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, James E. Panton has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James E. Panton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award by the Albany Center Gallery, to be celebrated at its 35th Anniversary Masquerade Gala; and

WHEREAS, The Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award is presented in memory of Albany Center Gallery's late founder, Leslie Urbach; and

WHEREAS, Albany Center Gallery is proud to honor James E. Panton for his long, dedicated history of service to the organization and the Capital Region's cultural community; and

WHEREAS, James E. Panton has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For over a decade, James E. Panton has brought a wealth of wisdom and experience to Albany Center Gallery's Board of Directors, serving with distinction in numerous capacities, including President, Vice President, and Chair of the Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, James E. Panton has been a tireless advocate for Albany Center Gallery's mission and advancement, and his contributions to several other area arts organizations -- from the Arts Center of the Capital Region to the Albany Symphony -- have only enhanced his legacy as an invaluable resource for the local region; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, James E. Panton has 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 James E. Panton has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James E. Panton upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Les Urbach Lifetime Achievement Award by the Albany Center Gallery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James E. Panton.