

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMENDING the Rosenhoch family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2017 Community Leader Family Award by the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Rosenhoch family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2017 Community Leader Family Award by the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York, celebrated at its Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at the Buffalo Convention Center in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Community Leaders Awards recognize individuals/organizations in WNY who have made significant contributions to this region through their involvement in volunteer activities and/or their special achievements in specific areas of community and professional life; the Rosenhoch family truly exemplifies the National Federation for Just Communities (NFJC) of Western New York's mission of promoting goodwill, understanding, respect, and trust; and

WHEREAS, The Rosenhochs' are a family that truly cares about their community; they are committed to improving lives today, and establishing a better tomorrow for future generations; led by parents, Howard and Valerie, this is a family which gives of itself in so many ways, from fundraising to organizing, from leadership to hands-on volunteerism, from advocacy to philanthropy, they do it all; and

WHEREAS, Howard Rosenhoch has been a successful lawyer for numerous years; recently, he retired as an attorney at Jaeckle Fleischmann; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his faith, Howard Rosenhoch has served as the President of both the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo and Temple Beth Zion; he has attended and participated in many National meetings including the American Israel Public Affairs Conference; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Rosenhoch held the position of Vice President for Legislative and Regulatory Policy at Univera Healthcare, and was the Executive Director of Univera Community Health; in addition, she served as the Chair of the Yad B'Yad Board of Directors, and was a member of the Near East and West Side Health Task Force, and the Board of Directors of the Holocaust Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Rosenhoch is also a participant of the Advisory

Board for the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities, and is a founding member of the Developmental Disabilities Alliance of Western New York Family Committee and iCanShine Bicycle Camp; and

WHEREAS, Valerie and Howard Rosenhoch have strived to instill the value of community service in their two sons, Alan and David; and

WHEREAS, Alan Rosenhoch is the Business Development Manager at Invest Buffalo, where he works to bring job-creating business to the Buffalo area; he is a vital member of the Business First 30 Under 30 Class of 2013, and he is involved with SABAH, where he has served as a volunteer, and instructor, and member of the Board of Directors; in addition, he was named the Volunteer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Alan Rosenhoch holds the title of both Treasurer and President-elect of the Kadimah School, and is co-founder of Jewish Young Professionals of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Born with Down syndrome, David Rosenhoch, who graduated from Emerson High School's Hospitality Program and Canisius College's YALT Program, is an inspiration to all; at Temple Beth Zion, he works with the 3 year-olds in the Play and Learn School, and is a volunteer in their Interfaith Mitzvah program; and

WHEREAS, David Rosenhoch also donates his time and energy assisting at St. Benedict's Catholic School, Cradle Beach Camp, SABAH, and a program for soccer for athletes with disabilities, which selected him as their 2013 Volunteer of the Year; he values his independence, and proudly shares a house with six other young men who are living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which the Rosenhoch family has displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Rosenhoch family upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the 2017 Community Leader Family Award by the National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rosenhoch family.