

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING David and Carol Grand upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David and Carol Grand upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center, to be celebrated on Sunday, April 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this prestigious awards ceremony recognizes individuals for their contributions to the Center and the Jewish community-at-large by acting as moral pillars and dispensers of wisdom and advice, providing continued service and leadership, and acting generously in the spirit of Tzedakah; and

WHEREAS, Widely known for their extraordinary dedication to Israel and the local community, David and Carol Grand's philanthropic and leadership endeavors continue to inspire all of those who are lucky enough to know them; and

WHEREAS, Both born and raised in Albany, New York, David and Carol Grand have been married for 52 years; and

WHEREAS, David Grand received his BBA in accounting from Siena College and attended the Amos Tuck Corporate Strategic Planning Executive Program; he was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, A Middle Market Assurance partner, David Grand spent his illustrious career servicing business clients in the Albany office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) and its' predecessors, Coopers & Lybrand and Shaye, Lutz, Schwartz & King; he retired on July 1, 2003, and has since been providing general business consulting services to local companies; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community, David Grand was an active member of several business,

community and charitable organizations including, the Albany Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Daughters of Sarah Senior Community, Congregation Ohav Sholom, the Albany Jewish Community Center and Ibis Friends of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Carol Grand graduated from Hudson Valley Community College School of Dental Hygiene; as she and David began their family, Carol worked part-time as a Dental Hygienist while devoting herself to building a loving home for her two daughters; and

WHEREAS, Eventually, Carol Grand ended her dental hygiene profession and began an in-home stationary and invitation business called Grand Times, which she ran until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which David and Carol Grand have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their two daughters, Kerri (Steven) and Jennifer (Daniel), and four grandchildren, Emily, Matthew, Hannah and Taylor, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to David and Carol Grand, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and their respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David and Carol Grand upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David and Carol Grand.