

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2011 Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel of Albany on May 5, 2011

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, Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2011 Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel of Albany to be celebrated at its annual Awards Dinner at Temple Israel in Albany, New York, on Thursday, May 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award is presented to individuals and institutions who reach out to others and who devote themselves to making a positive difference in their community and beyond; Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner epitomize this definition; and

WHEREAS, Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner moved to Albany in 1971, and have been a part of Temple Israel and the Capital District Jewish community ever since; and

WHEREAS, Rona has worked side by side with Louis-Jack in his law practice since day care became available at Temple Israel over 30 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner have been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, The Pozners have served on the Boards of many of the major Jewish agencies in their community, including Temple Israel, Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy, the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York, Daughters of Sarah Jewish Foundation, and the Vaad Hakashrut; and

WHEREAS, Louis-Jack is a Past President of Temple Israel, Bet Shraga and Daughters of Sarah Jewish Foundation; he currently serves as a Vice President of the Jewish Federation and Treasurer of the Vaad; Rona is a Past Treasurer and President of Temple Israel's sisterhood and Past Treasurer of Bet Shraga and currently serves as President of the Jewish Federation; in addition, she is a life member of Hadassah and an endowed Lion of Judah of the Jewish Federations of North America; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable couple serve as members of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy's Shomray Torah Society, and the Federation's Foundation for the Future; their legacy gift to Federation will perpetuate their annual gifts to Federation and increase the endowment of the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy; and

WHEREAS, Louis-Jack Pozner was the proud recipient of the Samuel Aronowitz Young Leadership Award from the Albany Federation in 1981, and the Sidney Albert Community Service Award from the United Jewish Federation in 2004; in 2007, Rona and Louis-Jack were honored by Bet Shraga with the Heritage & Destiny Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their three wonderful children, Samantha and her husband Andrew Hickman, Jo-Ellen and her husband Benjamin Zeitlin, and Zachary and his wife Dera-Jill, and their loving grandchildren, Tabatha and Miller Hickman, and Simon Zeitlin, all of

whom feel privileged to be part of their lives and rejoice in their achievements; 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 honor Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a 2011 Circle of Humanity Award by Temple Israel of Albany on May 5, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rona and Louis-Jack Pozner.