

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 21st Annual National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Induction Ceremony on April 21, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize prominent individuals from the sporting world who have distinguished themselves through exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 21st Annual National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Induction Ceremony to be held at the Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center in Commack, New York, on Sunday, April 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, established in 1993, is an education museum which chronicles and celebrates Jewish involvement in all sports; from boxing to football to tennis; from basketball to baseball to swimming; from broadcaster's booth to the sportswriter's desk; from the playing field to the manager's bench to the owner's office, Jewish people have made a significant impact on the world of sports; and

WHEREAS, More importantly, in focusing on sports, an aspect of Jewish accomplishments with which too many are unfamiliar, the Hall of Fame offers a starting point for discussions of stereotypes and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, The National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum causes people to question the various stereotypes about diverse groups carried in the minds of many people; and

WHEREAS, The distinguished 2013 National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductees are: David Berger, weightlifter; Andrew D. Bernstein, photographer; Richard Bernstein, disabled runner; Steve Bilsky, basketball; Bruce Cohen, lacrosse; Randy Grossman, football; Aly Raisman, gymnastics; Marilyn Ramenofsky, swimming; and Garrett Weber-Gale, swimming; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Boyd Melson, boxer, will be the recipient of The Dick Steinberg Good Guy Award; and James Metzger, Chairman and CEO, The Whitmore Group, will receive The George Young Award; and

WHEREAS, The careers of the inductees of the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum provide a legacy of commitment and excellence, bringing them distinction and serving as inspiring models for all who aspire to growth and success; 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 commemorate the 21st Annual National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Induction Ceremony on April 21, 2013, and to wish the inductees continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, and to each of the aforementioned inductees.