

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Jeff Weiss and Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Corporate Partner of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany on April 21, 2018

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals and businesses it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jeff Weiss and Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Corporate Partner of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, to be celebrated at its Annual Visionary Gala, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1908, the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) has provided comprehensive services and programs to residents of the greater Capital Region who are blind or visually impaired; in 2016, they helped over 900 individuals of all ages across 14 counties adapt to vision loss, maximize remaining vision, achieve their goals, and expand their independence; and

WHEREAS, In addition, NABA offered screenings to over 4,000 children between 18 months and five years of age for possible vision problems; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Weiss, GIA, and Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre, located on Central Avenue in Albany, New York, have a long and distinguished history of partnering with local nonprofit organizations and charities, including personally mentoring a "Little" in Big Brothers Big Sisters for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, As President and CEO of Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre, Jeff Weiss has made community service part of the company's mission statement and part of the culture of the company, opening its doors to approximately 20 organizations each month; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre is in

direct correlation to the efforts of Jeff Weiss and his staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the business and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Jeff Weiss and Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and businesses 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 Jeff Weiss and Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre upon the occasion of their designation as recipient of the Corporate Partner of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeff Weiss, President and CEO, Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre, Albany, New York.