

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

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 Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood 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 28, 2019, at Congregation Beth Emeth, Albany, New York; 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, Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood's philanthropic and leadership endeavors continue to inspire all of those who are lucky enough to know them; and

WHEREAS, As a member of Brandeis University's third graduating class, Adrienne Rockwood has served as President of the University's National Women's Committee (Albany chapter) for two terms and is a life member of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she is a life member of Hadassah, a legacy she has passed on to her four daughters, and has served as co-President of the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center Foundation Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne Rockwood has also been a lay chaplain for Jewish Family Services since the program's inception and has been Chair/co-Chair for numerous special events at Temple Israel, including the Circle of Humanity Award program; and

WHEREAS, In her professional life, Adrienne Rockwood began her career as an elementary school teacher in Boston; she also served as Director of the Herman and Libbie Michaelson Early Childhood Center at Temple Israel, where she turned an already successful program into an award-winning early education experience; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne Rockwell went on to pursue a new path as a career counselor; in addition to running a private practice, she also held

positions in a number of local libraries, authored a weekly column in a daily newspaper and established programs for returning women students at Hudson Valley Community College, Schenectady County Community College and The Sage Colleges; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman then took a position as a Representative for the State of Israel Bonds before serving as Vice President at Family and Children's Services of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Rockwood has been an active member of the Capital Region Jewish community for many years; at Temple Israel, he has served as President as well as on various committees; he also served as a board member for Beth Abraham Jacob; and

WHEREAS, A past commander for the Jewish War Veterans Post No. 105, Dr. Bill Rockwood served as the President of the Vaad Hakashruth of the Capital District; additionally, he is the former President and Executive Vice President of Jewish Educational Resources of New York (JERNY); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Rockwood's professional career spans more than 40 years; at The Sage Colleges, he served as Chair of the biology department and as the Founder and Director of the Sage Project in Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from academia, Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood chose to share their love of helping others by founding Senior Hope, an outpatient clinic serving the 50+ population in the Capital Region; Bill continues to work with local organizations assisting people with addiction issues; and

WHEREAS, In 2006 Adrienne and Bill were both honored by Senior Services of Albany as recipients of the Third Age Achievement Award, a program which recognizes contributions and achievements made by those over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Married for 65 years, Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood are the proud parents of five children and the loving grandparents of 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood, 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 Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood 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 Dr. Bill and Adrienne Rockwood.