

BY: Senator BRESLIN

CONGRATULATING David Capitula upon the occasion of being named a 2016 honoree by KIDS COUNT! at its 17th Annual Testimonial Dinner on September 17, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons who provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate David Capitula upon the occasion of being named a 2016 honoree by KIDS COUNT! at its 17th Annual Testimonial Dinner to be held at the Watervliet Elks Club on Saturday, September 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the dinner, Coach Mike Deane will lead his annual Basketball Clinic at the Watervliet Dome, a free event open to both boys and girls of all skill levels; and

WHEREAS, KIDS COUNT! is a nonprofit organization which raises funds to enhance the lives of children through recreational, cultural, and educational programs in Watervliet, New York and the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Watervliet, David Capitula, affectionately known as "Er", is the son of Joan and Mike Capitula, and the brother of Mike, Matt, Joe and Nancy; and

WHEREAS, Growing up, Er Capitula played on both the Watervliet Little League and the Babe Ruth League; he also played CYO basketball and baseball under Coach Bill Stanton who would say, "Er never saw a shot he didn't like"; and

WHEREAS, Er Capitula graduated from Watervliet High School, Class of 1976, where he was a member of the football team and the bowling team; he played softball at Red's Field for many years and competed in numerous Classic Bowling leagues; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Er Capitula worked in the steel industry for 18 years where he ran a number of steel mills including Adirondack Steel, Portec, and Al Tech; when the mills closed, he transitioned to being a bus driver for CDTA and then the Watervliet City School District where he has worked for 21 years and is currently the lead bus driver; and

WHEREAS, Er Capitula has generously volunteered his time to youth sports for many years, including painting lines for Watervliet Youth Soccer, running the clock at CYO basketball games, serving as sideline management for Watervliet High School football, filming the boys and girls high school basketball games, and in one way or another, assisting all sports at the high school; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Er Capitula was recognized as a CASDA "Friend of Education"; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 23 years, Beth, and their two sons, Quinn and Mitchell, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 congratulate David Capitula upon the occasion of being named a 2016 honoree by KIDS COUNT! at its 17th Annual Testimonial Dinner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Capitula.