

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Patricia Cumo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Award by Capital District Citizen Action on October 20, 2016

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 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 Patricia Cumo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Award by Capital District Citizen Action to be celebrated at its 24th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at the Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Awards are named in honor of Jim Perry, a founding member of Capital District Citizen Action; it is with the memories of his actions and words that this vital organization recognizes those who have demonstrated a commitment to community activism and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Cumo is being honored with this auspicious award for her role as one of the area's most dedicated, inspiring activists and leaders who has spent countless hours working to make her community a stronger, more just place to live; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Cumo became an activist in 1989, after a four month strike as a member of the Communications Workers of America; having previously earned just a dime more than minimum wage, she truly knows the value of being a union member; and

WHEREAS, After growing up in a middle class rural community, living in a housing project shifted Patricia Cumo's perception of the world and inspired her to become involved in social justice organizations as well as a union organizer; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Patricia Cumo continues to work tirelessly to bring universal health care to our Nation; she is also one of the founding members of the Working Families Party; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Patricia Cumo has displayed throughout her life; 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 honor Patricia Cumo upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Award by Capital District Citizen Action on October 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia Cumo.