

Senate Resolution No. 118

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Brian T. Hassett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Impact Award by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany on November 17, 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 Brian T. Hassett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Impact Award by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany to be celebrated at its 9th Annual Red, White and Chocolate Event on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the Renaissance Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany builds hope for many vulnerable children in the most impoverished neighborhoods; by providing a safe haven for children every day after school, this vital organization hopes to develop character-minded individuals who graduate from high school and go on to become productive residents of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Brian T. Hassett is being recognized for his hard work, contributions and steadfast dedication to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany; and

WHEREAS, President and CEO of the United Way of the Greater Capital Region since September of 2011, Brian T. Hassett has 35 years of non-profit experience with 27 years as a CEO; his career has focused on strategic planning, marketing and fundraising at several United Ways and other human service organizations; and

WHEREAS, Originally from the Bronx, Brian T. Hassett began his illustrious career locally, serving as an intern in the office of the Mayor of Cohoes; he served as a United Way National Intern in Rochester, New York, Fort Worth, Texas and Erie, Pennsylvania before advancing through a number of fundraising and marketing posts in Cleveland, Ohio and Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Brian T. Hassett was named President and CEO of the United Way of Central Massachusetts, and in 1995 was named President and CEO of the Valley of the Sun United Way in Phoenix, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, During his seven year tenure in Phoenix, Brian T. Hassett

was instrumental in the organization's 85 percent growth in revenue; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Brian T. Hassett was named President and CEO of United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, and led a team effort to consolidate the region's 52 United Way locations and achieve its fundraising goal; and

WHEREAS, Brian T. Hassett also helped to create United eWay, an Arizona based non-profit collaborative of 80 local United Way organizations; this became the industry standard pledge capture and processing system which is now known as Frontstream Corporation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man was the President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona where his organization served more than 2,400 children; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the community, Brian T. Hassett has coached basketball for the Boys and Girls Clubs in Metropolitan Phoenix, Arizona, and has served on the Youth of the Year Committee for the Boys and Girls Clubs of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Brian T. Hassett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Niagara University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his two children, Laura and Kevin, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Brian T. Hassett has displayed throughout his 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 Brian T. Hassett upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Impact Award by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany on November 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian T. Hassett.