

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Leroy Twiggs upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Living the Legacy Award by the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center, 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 Leroy Twiggs upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Living the Legacy Award by the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center, to be celebrated at its 2016 Annual Legacy Event on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Living the Legacy Award is given annually to a community leader who has made a difference in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast advocate for the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center (WYH), Leroy Twiggs played an important role in its success through his 20 years of service on its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Today, Leroy Twiggs is retired as a member of the Board; he was most notable for being an active participant and contributing thoughtful guidance on a number of Board and Board/Staff Committees; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Twiggs' professional career spanned both the public and private sectors; he worked for The New York State Department of Health and the McDonald's Corporation where he served as an Owner/Operator of two franchised restaurants in downtown Albany; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement as an entrepreneur, Leroy Twiggs was employed as a Human Resources Specialist at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, With the belief in providing access to consistent quality healthcare without regard to income, Leroy Twiggs was always quick to volunteer when the need to advocate arose for issues impacting WYH; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Leroy Twiggs served on Boards of Directors of several local non-profit organizations including the Friendship Community Development Corporation, Safe, Inc. of Schenectady, the Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region as well as the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Leroy Twiggs has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Twiggs and his wife, Brenda, live in Latham, New York; they are the parents of three adult children, Deborah, William Daschel, and Cordea, and the grateful grandparents of Jazmine, Madison, Kevin Joshua, Jada, Aevin, and Kyla, all of whom feel privileged to be 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 honor Leroy Twiggs upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Living the Legacy Award by the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leroy Twiggs.