

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Barry and Edna Sparks upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Business, Faith Based Service and Caregiving Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum

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 organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barry and Edna Sparks upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Business, Faith Based Service and Caregiving Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Senior Issues Forum is a voluntary initiative among faith communities, organizations and individuals which provides support for seniors in the capital district through education and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, this vital organization has focused on senior housing issues by bringing together caregivers, faith organizations, government officials, housing facilities, administrators and seniors themselves; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, the Capital District Senior Issues Forum has honored more than 700 senior citizens over the age of 85 for their lifetime achievements; and

WHEREAS, Barry and Edna Sparks are being recognized as extraordinary seniors for their tireless efforts in making a difference in the lives of others and for giving selflessly in business, faith-based and caregiving service; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed couple has been called upon to contribute their time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and have always given of themselves unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Barry and Edna Sparks have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Barry and Edna Sparks upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Business, Faith Based Service and Caregiving Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barry and Edna Sparks.