

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Felicia Ashley upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Woman of Inspiration by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. on October 11, 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 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 Felicia Ashley upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Woman of Inspiration by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. to be celebrated at its 17th Annual Resourceful Women's Luncheon Awards on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1855, the YWCA was created with the intention of being a safe place for women to improve their lives; since then, it has assisted countless women in reaching their goals and maintaining self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Today, the YWCA has 25 million members in 122 countries working every day to fulfill the organization's mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all; and

WHEREAS, Since 2000, the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region has held its Resourceful Women's Luncheon Awards to honor those everyday women whose community and professional pursuits advance the empowerment of women, as well as individuals who represent the spirit of determination that defines the women of the YWCA; and

WHEREAS, Felicia Ashley, graduate of the Jamison-Rounds Ready for Work Program, is being recognized for her many accomplishments in making a difference in the community, as well as for her kindness, support, and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Despite obstacles, Felicia Ashley has diligently worked to reach and maintain self-sufficiency for herself and her children; she proudly illuminates hope to every woman who comes to the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is 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 Felicia Ashley upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Woman of

Inspiration by the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Felicia Ashley.