

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Vivian Ruth Waltz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Diversity Award by Leadership Buffalo

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 Vivian Ruth Waltz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Diversity Award by Leadership Buffalo, celebrated at its Values Awards Luncheon on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded on the idea of equality, Leadership Buffalo unites leaders from diverse backgrounds to increase their knowledge of community issues, broaden their vision and enhance their ability to lead; and

WHEREAS, With more than 2,500 individuals from a variety of programs, Leadership Buffalo has greatly expanded Western New York's social capital; and

WHEREAS, Through a series of day sessions, Leadership Buffalo allows participants to explore the challenges, concepts, complexity and practice of leadership concerning various important issues; these programs include Class Experience, Rising Leaders, Experience Buffalo, Youth Leadership, and Leadership Buffalo Revisited; and

WHEREAS, The Values Awards Luncheon honors leaders in the community which embody one of Leadership Buffalo's four core values: service, inclusion, diversity and openness to change; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Ruth Waltz is the Center Director for the Sisters of St. Joseph Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence; in this capacity, she is a vital part of several of its programs, including Alternatives to Violence Project, a program dedicated to reducing violence in our society; and Camp Peaceprints, a summer camp designed to introduce youth to social justice; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Vivian Ruth Waltz has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the

recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Vivian Ruth Waltz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Diversity Award by Leadership Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vivian Ruth Waltz.