

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Desiree Santos upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the LGBT Community Advocacy Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 16, 2017

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Desiree Santos upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the LGBT Community Advocacy Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc., to be celebrated at its Annual Jazz in July event on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at the Renaissance Hotel, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Desiree Santos received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in English from St. John's University where she graduated cum laude; she went on to earn a J.D. from Albany Law School in May of 2017; and

WHEREAS, A passionate advocate for the LGBTQ community, Desiree Santos was formerly the Director of the Pro Bono LGBT Rights Project at Albany Law School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Desiree Santos served as the Student Liaison for the New York State Bar Association's Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section; she plans to pursue a career in Business and Entertainment Law; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in 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 Desiree Santos upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the LGBT Community Advocacy Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc. on July 16, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Desiree Santos.