

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**HONORING** Cynthia Williams-Stephens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Friends of the Family 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 Cynthia Williams-Stephens upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Friends of the Family 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,** Cynthia Williams-Stephens, who serves as a Liaison Coordinator for Schenectady Domestic Violence, has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Cynthia Williams-Stephens 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 the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Cynthia Williams-Stephens upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the Friends of the Family Award by In Our Own Voices, Inc.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cynthia Williams-Stephens.