

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Humera Khan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 52nd Annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award on February 26, 2017

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energy and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Humera Khan has given not only of her time and energy but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and, consequently, has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Humera Khan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 52nd Annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America Albany Post No. 105 to be celebrated at a Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at the Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Chapel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Four Chaplains gave their lives in the sinking of the troopship Dorchester on February 3, 1943; the Brotherhood Award honors residents of the Capital District whose services and devotion in the practice of brotherhood are deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor exists to promote the cause of "unity without uniformity" by encouraging good will and cooperation among all people; its vision is to impart the principles of selfless service to humanity without regard to race, creed, ethnicity or religion; and

WHEREAS, Humera Khan has been a tireless advocate for battered women and refugees for many years; she is also active in building bridges among different faiths at various events such as FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantries and Children of the Well, an interfaith story circle for youth; and

WHEREAS, From 2013-2015, Humera Khan served as Secretary for the Schenectady Interfaith Community and currently, is a member of its Board of Directors; in this capacity, she requested peace for all citizens on behalf of the Islamic Center of the Capital District at the Third Annual Albany Peace Walk in 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Humera Khan volunteered to be part of the Schenectady Clergy Against Hate Coalition, representing the Islamic Center of the Capital District where she serves as part of the Outreach Committee; this vital Coalition brings the community together under the auspices of houses of worship to encourage unity through prayers, songs, and talks; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an

individual for the benefit of others which Humera Khan has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the vitality and well-being of their community and its citizens, and have shown a long and sustained commitment to humanitarianism, have certainly 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 Humera Khan upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 52nd Annual Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Humera Khan.