

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Kelly Mateja upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 1st Annual Helping Heart Award by the Food Pantries for the Capital District on February 3, 2017

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kelly Mateja upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 1st Annual Helping Heart Award by the Food Pantries for the Capital District, to be celebrated at its Have a Heart for Hunger Event on Friday, February 3, 2017, at GlennPeter Jewelers Diamond Centre, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Kelly Mateja has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Mateja is the founder of the Morning of Kindness, an event which takes place on the morning of December 24th, where nearly 500 volunteer Capital Region Ambassadors of Kindness visit the communities, food pantries and nonprofits of the Capital Region to spread the joy of giving; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Kelly Mateja has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Kelly Mateja, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kelly Mateja upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 1st Annual Helping Heart Award by the Food Pantries for the Capital

District on February 3, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kelly Mateja.