

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**HONORING** Karen Pass upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the Micah 6:8 Award by the Capital Area Council of Churches on October 13, 2021

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

**WHEREAS,** Karen Pass 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 Karen Pass upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Micah 6:8 Award by the Capital Area Council of Churches, to be celebrated at its Fall Awards Assembly Dinner on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at the Italian American Community Center, Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded in 1941, the Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC) is a fellowship of more than 90 faith communities in the Capital District; and

**WHEREAS,** This vital organization provides a wide range of services and programs dedicated to bringing congregations together in solidarity to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and provide ecumenical and interreligious education, advocacy and worship; and

**WHEREAS,** CACC also offers a range of interfaith worship services, celebrations and forums such as Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism, the Good Friday service and an annual musical celebration; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year Micah Heroes are recognized and nominated by their local congregation, community group or union as exemplifying the spirit of Micah 6:8; Karen Pass is truly deserving of this accolade; and

**WHEREAS,** Karen Pass received this auspicious award by living her life following the ways of Micah 6:8, the biblical tract that inspires and encourages individuals to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, Karen Pass leads the mission ministry for First United Methodist Church of Delmar (FUMC) working in partnership with Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH), Iglesia Emmanuel, Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, Inc. (RISSE), Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, CACC's Emergency Homeless Overflow Shelter and other programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Karen Pass has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given

of herself unstintingly; she has been involved in several ecumenical and/or interfaith programs and projects; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Karen Pass has displayed throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Karen Pass upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Micah 6:8 Award by the Capital Area Council of Churches on October 13, 2021; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karen Pass.