

Senate Resolution No. 1312

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Miranda Rand upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the Carlyle Adams Ecumenical and Interfaith 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, Miranda Rand 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 Miranda Rand upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Carlyle Adams Ecumenical and Interfaith 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, The Carlyle Adams Ecumenical and Interfaith Award is presented to individuals who have worked to bring the message of ecumenical or interfaith unity to his or her congregation and the wider community through advocacy, activism and participation in these programs; Miranda Rand truly exemplifies the inclusive spirit of Dr. Adams; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Miranda Rand serves as the Coordinator of the CACC Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism; and

WHEREAS, Miranda Rand has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she is the President of the Interfaith Community of Schenectady, a Board Member for the Working Group on Girls of Schenectady, Inc., and 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, Miranda Rand 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 Miranda Rand 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 Miranda Rand upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Carlyle Adams Ecumenical and Interfaith 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 Miranda Rand.