

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Charles J. Diamond upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath on April 29, 2022

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 Charles J. Diamond upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath, to be celebrated at its 26th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 29, 2022, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lifepath is dedicated to keeping older neighbors and friends healthy and safe by providing effective programs and support to help them stay connected to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives (after turning 60 years-old); Charles J. Diamond is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, A true civic servant, Charles J. Diamond began his long and distinguished career as the Director at the Cable Telecommunications Association of New York where he was instrumental in implementing the Association's strategic plan involving tax issues, and other matters important to an industry that represents an important segment of New York's economy; and

WHEREAS, From 1989-2009, Charles J. Diamond held the position of District Chief of Staff for United States Representative Michael R. McNulty; throughout his tenure, he represented the interest of many public and private sector stakeholders before a variety of federal agencies, utilizing his extensive knowledge of the bureaucracy to make it serve the day-to-day interests of the citizens of the congressional district; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Charles J. Diamond served on the Watervliet City Council for 15 years, until he was appointed by Governor David A. Patterson to the New York State Racing and Wagering Board in 2010; in this capacity, he was responsible for ensuring New York State's legalized pari-mutuel operations, charitable gaming activities and Class III Native American gaming facilities operated with integrity and in full compliance with New York's statutes and Board rules; and

WHEREAS, Today, Charles J. Diamond is the Senior Advisor at

Statewide Public Affairs, a full-service government relations, communications and issue management firm providing consulting services throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to making his community a better place to live, work and play, Charles J. Diamond founded Kids Count!, now Arsenal City Kids, in 2000, and is a member of numerous local boards of directors and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his community, Charles J. Diamond has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the former Giovina Waldo, their two children, Robert J. (Krystina) and Bridget, and his little buddy, his grandson, Anthony P., all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Charles J. Diamond upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2022 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles J. Diamond.