

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Courtney Russell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Courtney Russell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce to be celebrated at its 35th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Altamont Vineyard, Altamont, New York; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Courtney Russell who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, As Lifestyle Director at The Spinney Group, Courtney Russell organizes monthly service opportunities for the residents, and assists residents in making donations of time, service, items, and financial contributions; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her lifetime and service to others, Courtney Russell has given tirelessly of her time and energies to countless organizations, including Paws for Paradise, Capital City Rescue Mission, Toys for Tots, Saratoga War Horse Foundation, To Life!, The Bethlehem Food Pantry, Hope House Inc., The Ronald McDonald House, Cards for Kids, Grassroots Giving, Books for Troops, the Bethlehem Central School District and the Pine Hollow Arboretum; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is active in the Hamagrael PTA and is on the Board of Directors of Skribblers Magazine, a vital not for profit organization which supports literacy in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Courtney Russell 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 Courtney Russell, 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 Courtney Russell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Courtney Russell.