

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING 4th Family upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization Award by the Albany Fund for Education on October 25, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 4th Family upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization Award by the Albany Fund for Education, to be celebrated at its 22nd Annual Gala on Friday, October 25, 2019, at Renaissance Albany Hotel in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Fund for Education (AFE) strives to enhance opportunities for students to learn, grow, and succeed by building community partnerships, raising funds, and investing in innovative and effective programs and projects that build equity and strengthen the educational infrastructure of the City School District of Albany; and

WHEREAS, 4th Family is receiving this prestigious award for its steadfast and unrelenting commitment to its community; and

WHEREAS, The name 4th Family is based on an African proverb which described the ties that bound communities together; the first family is the nuclear family, the second family is the immediate extended family, the third family is extended family, and the 4th Family is the community which provides a support network to all of its members; and

WHEREAS, Leveraging a love of sports to switch on the overlooked aptitude of at-risk youth, 4th Family designs and delivers empowerment: positive, authentically science-based programs in its home town of Albany, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Through afterschool and mentoring programs, 4th Family has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for youth to recognize their potential and to embrace skills they may not be aware of; 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 4th Family upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization Award by the Albany Fund for Education on October 25,

2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to 4th Family.