

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**HONORING** Tracie Killar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Vaughan Family Changemaker 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 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 Tracie Killar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Vaughan Family Changemaker 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,** This remarkable woman is receiving this prestigious award for her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her community; and

**WHEREAS,** Tracie Killar serves as the Executive Director of the South End Children's Cafe, which provides a safe space where students receive sustenance, learn about personal and civic responsibility, engage with mentors, and break bread with their friends and families; and

**WHEREAS,** Tracie Killar and her team have diligently worked to uplift students of the City School District of Albany and have helped raise awareness of how food insecurity impacts their community; through their tireless efforts, the South End Children's Cafe allows children and families to access healthy food and academic support in a dignified, caring environment; 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 Tracie Killar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Vaughan Family Changemaker 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 Tracie Killar.