

Senate Resolution No. 1296

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Carol June-Washington upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Award by Capital District Citizen Action on September 14, 2021

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 Carol June-Washington upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Award by Capital District Citizen Action to be celebrated at its 29th Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at The Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Award honors the legacy of Jim Perry, a gay rights leader and founding member of the Capital District Chapter of Citizen Action of New York; his leadership role both in the Capital District and statewide was exemplary, and his dedication to progressive politics and coalition building paved the way for the passage of Albany's Human Rights Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, It is with the memories of Jim Perry's actions and words that this vital organization recognizes those who have demonstrated a commitment to community activism and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Carol June-Washington is being honored with this auspicious award for her role as one of the area's most dedicated, inspiring activists and leaders who has spent countless hours working to make her community a stronger, more just place to live; and

WHEREAS, Carol June-Washington has been a tireless activist for social change and progressive politics since her teenage years; she began her foray in electoral politics in high school with the campaign of Adlai Stevenson and continued through college at Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Moving to Chicago in the 1960s, Carol June-Washington was one of the Chicago organizers and attendees for the March on Washington in August of 1963, and Production Manager of **the Citizen**, an independent Black community newspaper; and

WHEREAS, She was the Coordinator of the FDC Food for Selma Project;

subsequently, she became a member of Dr. Martin Luther's King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference;

WHEREAS, Active early in the women's movement, Carol June-Washington was the Founder/Director of the Chicago Women's Liberation Center, the first of its kind in the country; and

WHEREAS, Moving to New York in the early 1970s, Carol June-Washington worked with Colony South Brooklyn Houses and as the Executive Director of the Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Houses; and

WHEREAS, While in New York, she obtained a Master of Social Work degree at Adelphi University; and

WHEREAS, Coming to Albany in the 1980s with the New York State Department of Labor as Statewide Director of the JTPA employment and training programs, Carol June-Washington served on the Board of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, She left the Department of Labor to become the Deputy Executive Director of the New York State Martin Luther King Institute and Commission; and

WHEREAS, Carol June-Washington retired in 1996, later to go on to become Director of Program Development at Trinity Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Renewing an early involvement in theater arts, Carol June-Washington served for five years as the President of the Board of Steamer Ten Children's Theater; today, she is a member of the Albany Community Policing Advisory Committee, and the Albany NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Carol June-Washington is the proud mother of three children, and the loving grandmother of six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Carol June-Washington 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 Carol June-Washington upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Jim Perry Progressive Leadership Award by Capital District Citizen Action; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carol June-Washington.