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Senate Resolution No. 116

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Meg Gilmartin upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the Pro Bono Award by The Legal Project on November 4, 2016

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 Meg Gilmartin upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Pro Bono Award by The Legal Project to be celebrated with a Luncheon on Friday, November 4, 2016, at The Century House, Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Meg Gilmartin spent nearly 30 years in technical and operational roles for a variety of specialty chemical manufacturers before attending law school; she received her bachelor's degree in Biology and Physics from SUNY Albany, her master's degree in Analytical Chemistry from RPI, and her J.D. from Western New England School of Law;

and

WHEREAS, After many years away from the Capital District, Meg Gilmartin relocated to Saratoga Springs in 2014, and started a solo practice focusing on Business Law and Estate Planning; and

WHEREAS, With strong personal ties to The Legal Project and an unwavering commitment to its mission, Meg Gilmartin expanded her legal training and joined its pro bono team in supporting victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, since joining The Legal Project's panel in July of 2015, Meg Gilmartin has given tirelessly of herself, spending more than 70 hours assisting eight victims of domestic violence attain access to justice; and

WHEREAS, Meg Gilmartin was the proud recipient of a 2015 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Pro Bono and Access to Justice from the New York State Bar Association and the New York State Courts; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Meg Gilmartin 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 Meg Gilmartin upon the occasion of her designation as a recipient of the Pro Bono Award by The Legal Project on November 4, 2016; and be

it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Meg Gilmartin.