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Senate Resolution No. 1675

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Melodie Baker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Athena Young Professional Leadership Award by Athena International

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character who have inspired and brought pride to our majestic Empire State with their strong contributions to the community and model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Melodie Baker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Athena Young Professional Leadership Award by Athena International; and

WHEREAS, Athena Young Professional Award program was founded in 2007, by Athena International, to honor emerging women leaders ages 30 to 45, who demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession, provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improving the lives of others in the community, and clearly serve as a role model for young women personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, Melodie Baker is the Director of Education for the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County; in this capacity, she is responsible for the design and implementation of education platform, strategic plans, coalition building, product development, grants and budgets and investments, as well as, supporting 26 school districts in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Melodie Baker has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, family and friends; 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 citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Melodie Baker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Athena Young Professional Leadership Award by Athena International; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Melodie Baker.