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Senate Resolution No. 1724

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Michele L. Vennard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Friends of Scouting

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, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Michele L. Vennard has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Michele L. Vennard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Friends of Scouting to be celebrated at its Annual Breakfast on May 9, 2017, at the Albany Capital Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michele L. Vennard has served as President and CEO of the

Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau since January of 1992; for 25 years, she has been the dynamic leader of a talented staff, energetically promoting Albany as a convention, group tour and leisure travel destination; and

WHEREAS, Due to Michele L. Vennard's successful efforts, Albany County and the Capital Region has felt a major economic ripple effect; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Michele L. Vennard was appointed to the Board of the Albany Convention Center Authority; for more than a decade, she has been one of the driving forces behind the successful development of the Albany Capital Center; and

WHEREAS, Michele L. Vennard has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Michele L. Vennard has been a member and past Chairperson of the Capitalize Albany Corporation and past President of the New York State Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus; in addition, she is the past trustee and chair of the Board of Trustees of The Sage Colleges in Albany and Troy, and represented the Colleges on the University Heights Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Michele L. Vennard serves on the Board of Directors of the Palace Performing Arts Center; she has also contributed to several national organizations, including the National Council of

State Tourism Directors, The Travel Industry Association of America, the Discover America Task Force, the United States Travel Data Center and

the Appalachian Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Michele L. Vennard has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michele L. Vennard 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 commend Michele L. Vennard upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Friends of Scouting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michele L. Vennard.