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Senate Resolution No. 2053

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Beverly Jones-Edwards upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Mother of Pearl Award by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc. on May 13, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those nurses from this great Empire State who have distinguished themselves through professional excellence and have made significant contributions to the quality of life of 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 Beverly Jones-Edwards upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Mother of Pearl Award by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc. to be celebrated at its 9th Annual Extravaganza on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Albany Ramada Plaza Hotel in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Jones-Edwards was born in Albany to the late Gladys and Lawrence Jones; she and her large family made their home in Selkirk, New York; she was a faithful member of the Dutch Reformed Church in Selkirk, where she attended Sunday School and participated in the Children's Choir; during the summer months, she would worship at the Riverview Baptist Church in Coeymans, where she was ultimately baptized at the age of nine by the late Reverend S.B. Sutton; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, Beverly Jones-Edwards earned her degree from the Albany School of Practical Nursing; she furthered her education by obtaining her nursing degree from Maria College in Albany; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Jones-Edwards began her long and distinguished nursing career at Albany Medical Center Hospital, where she was employed as a Nurse In the Labor and Delivery unit for over 38 years; she truly loved assisting with the delivery of hundreds of babies and caring for the newborns and their mothers; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Beverly Jones-Edwards is employed as a substitute nurse for the Albany City School District, and holds the title of President of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs and Youth Affiliates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A devout and spiritual woman, Beverly Jones-Edwards is an active member of the Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church; for over 30 years, she assisted in many ministries, and held various leadership positions such as Corresponding Secretary, Vice-President and President; and

WHEREAS, Today, Beverly Jones-Edwards remains an active participant in Sunday School, the Home Mission Ministry, Church Choir, Women's Knitting and Crocheting Ministry and the Clovis A. Drake Scholarship Ministry, and serves as the Lead Coordinator of the Floral Ministry and President of the Nurses Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Jones-Edwards and her late husband, James W. Edwards, were the loving godparents to six children; for the past eight years, Beverly has cared for two children, Kayla and Yasmin, both of whom bring her great joy; and

WHEREAS, When she is not working or taking care of someone, Beverly Jones-Edwards enjoys knitting, sewing, cooking, baking and scrapbooking; and

WHEREAS, Built upon the proud tradition of caring, the profession of nursing is dedicated to implementing the best practices to deliver the highest quality of care to those whom they serve; and

WHEREAS, These exceptional individuals, leaders in their profession, make a difference in the lives of every one of their patients, as well as the patients' family members they serve each and every day; they have truly proven themselves to be great assets to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of true integrity, Beverly Jones-Edwards has served as a Registered Nurse with distinction, enthusiasm, dedication and honor; for almost four decades, she has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Capital Region, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Beverly Jones-Edwards upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Mother of Pearl Award by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc. on May 13, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Beverly Jones-Edwards.