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Senate Resolution No. 2054

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Monica Kasongo Muamba 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 Monica Kasongo Muamba 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, Monica Kasongo Muamba currently works at Albany Medical Center as a Nurse Education Specialist; she truly enjoys teaching newly hired Registered Nurses how to be excellent caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Using her own curriculum, Monica Kasongo Muamba instructs nurses on important topics such as clinical judgment, patient teaching, culture diversity, Electrocardiogram, and much more; in addition to her

role at Albany Medical Center, she serves as an adjunct professor at Maria College, where she utilizes her experience as a nurse and educator to prepare students for the world of nursing; and

WHEREAS, Monica Kasongo Muamba became a fashion entrepreneur to help others experience the beauty within themselves, improve confidence and open up opportunities in their lives; her company, MKas Lika helps women come out of their shells with unique, captivating and affordable style; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Monica Kasongo Muamba and two of her friends founded Sister to Sister's Keeper, Corporation, (S2SK) a non-profit organization; today, S2SK holds empowerment conferences for women and girls, bible studies, and provides a college scholarship for one first-year college student; this vital organization strives to give women and girls the opportunity to reshape their perception of themselves and learn how to use their power to achieve the greatest version of themselves; and

WHEREAS, This compassionate and dynamic woman also serves as an International Transformational Speaker, helping people to change their lives through presentations on topics such as Nursing: One Profession with Millions Careers, and Pivot Yourself, Explore Your Thinking: Turn Obstacles into Opportunities; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her profession, women, and her community, Monica Kasango Muamba has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2012 Salute To Excellence Award by Alpha Kappa Sorority Inc.; she has been featured in

Healthy Life Magazine, Minority Nurse Magazine, and Adanagow Magazine, where she also wrote an article entitled "Women of Character"; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Monica Kasongo Muamba was named the 2014-2015 VIP Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women; 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, Monica Kasongo Muamba 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 Monica Kasongo Muamba 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 Monica Kasongo Muamba.

