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Senate Resolution No. 2712

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Barry D. Walston upon the occasion of being named a Man of Valor by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc. on June 17, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barry D. Walston upon the occasion of being named a Man of Valor by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc., to be recognized at its 9th Annual Men of Valor Celebration on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Barry D. Walston is being honored with this auspicious award in recognition of his trailblazing efforts to make a difference within the local community; and

WHEREAS, Hailing from North Carolina, Barry D. Walston came to Albany, New York, to attend SUNY Albany where he earned both his bachelor's degree and his Masters of Social Work from its School of Social Welfare; and

WHEREAS, Barry D. Walston currently serves as a manager in the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute in the Bureau Division of HIV and the Division of HIV Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving in this esteemed capacity, Barry D. Walston was the Director of the Whitney M. Young Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program located in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to human services and supporting programs which service at-risk populations, Barry D. Walston has served as President of the Albany Affiliate Black Child Development Institute, President of Literacy NY of the Greater Capital Region, and as Grants Chair of the Albany Fund Education; and

WHEREAS, Barry D. Walston is truly passionate about youth development and mentoring programs; he tirelessly supports local youth within the Albany City School District to reach their fullest potential; in addition, he is an active member of Wilborn Temple First Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Barry D. Walston has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to

Barry D. Walston, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barry D. Walston upon the occasion of being named a Man of Valor by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc. on June 17, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barry D. Walston.