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Senate Resolution No. 2713

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Decky Lawson 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 Decky Lawson 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, Decky Lawson is being honored with this auspicious award in recognition of his trailblazing efforts to make a difference within the local community; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Albany, New York, Decky Lawson gives tirelessly of his time and energies as a Teacher Assistant and Head Coach for the Albany Falcons Girls Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is the Founder of the Decky Lawson Bring Em Out Basketball Tournaments and Coach of the Lawson Baseball Team in Arbor Hill; and

WHEREAS, Decky Lawson is steadfastly committed to the revitalization of the Arbor Hill Softball Field and community; with fond memories at the field as a child, this esteemed man has served as its dedicated Commissioner for the past six years; and

WHEREAS, With Decky Lawson's unwavering commitment and support, the Arbor Hill Softball Field has been instrumental in saving the lives of countless community members; through his sporting events, he keeps both children and adults engaged in positive behaviors and away from negative street activities; and

WHEREAS, Decky Lawson is the lead singer of the local band, Legacy, as well as a faithful member and lead gospel singer at New Life Church of Christ in Albany; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Decky Lawson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his three children, Elijah, Shaniya and Naveah, and his granddaughter, Harmony, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Decky Lawson has displayed throughout his life; 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 Decky Lawson, 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 Decky Lawson 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 Decky Lawson.