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Senate Resolution No. 2755

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Eileen Bonesteel upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Eileen Bonesteel upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany, to be celebrated at its 44th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Bonesteel started her illustrious career working with at-risk youth as a member of the direct care staff in a secure facility, before opening the first Division for Youth, currently known as Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, After seven years as the lead trainer for Office of Children and Family Services' Training Academy, Eileen Bonesteel was

hired by the New York State Commission of Correction as its Training Director; and

WHEREAS, Upon her retirement in 2010, Eileen Bonesteel held the position of Pro Bono Coordinator for the Albany County Bar Association; in this capacity, she served as an advocate for the poor and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Eileen Bonesteel was a Lead Facilitator for the New York City Simone Wiesenthal Tolerance Center, holding experimental classes for the New York Police Department and New York City Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Eileen Bonesteel is the co-Founder of The Center for Community Insight, a non-profit which holds a course called Poverty Simulator, which is designed to give people the experience of poverty to help them become more compassionate; and

WHEREAS, During her esteemed career, Eileen Bonesteel has assisted low-income tenants facing evictions with her unyielding commitment to seeing these cases through to the end; 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 commend Eileen Bonesteel upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the United Tenants of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Bonesteel.