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Senate Resolution No. 2760

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Elaine Houston upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by The College of Saint Rose on June 15, 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 Elaine Houston upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by The College of Saint Rose, to be celebrated at its "A Community of Excellence" Luncheon on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, WNYT anchor and reporter Elaine Houston serves the Capital Region and global community as an education advocate, blogger, author, filmmaker, and community event moderator; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Houston earned a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, a Master's degree in International Women's Studies from SUNY Empire State, and an honorary doctorate degree from The College of Saint Rose; and

WHEREAS, Known for her series, "Today's Women" and her blog, "She Speaks 2 Me", Elaine Houston prioritizes investigating women's rights issues and leading the discussion on best practices in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Houston has been recognized by Governor Andrew Cuomo for her humanitarian efforts through awards in the categories of Distinguished Community Service, African-Americans of Distinction, and Women's Courage and Vision; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has received numerous accolades, including the MOM Prom Award from the ZONTA Club of Schenectady, the Trefoil Award from the Hudson Valley Council of the Girl Scouts, Journalist of the Year Award from Urban Voices Newspaper, Community Service Award from the Chocolate Thunder Marching Band, NYS PTA Life Member Award, Colonie Chamber of Commerce Women in Professions Award, the Media Person of the Year from the Women's Press Club, and WNYT Employee of the Month; 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 Elaine Houston, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elaine Houston upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by The College of Saint Rose on June 15, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elaine Houston.