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Senate Resolution No. 3095

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Kathleen McLean upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Harriet Rifkin Leadership Award by the Capital District Women's Employment & Resource Center on October 3, 2017

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in the communities across New York State is reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the advancement of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kathleen McLean upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Harriet Rifkin Leadership Award by the Capital District Women's Employment & Resource Center, to be celebrated at its 13th Annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Employment & Resource Center (WERC) is a not-for-profit organization which assists women in improving significant self-attributes in order to successfully rejoin the workforce; each year, this vital organization provides services to at least 300 women in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen McLean is being honored with this auspicious award in recognition of her outstanding leadership, volunteerism,

professionalism, and her work creating opportunities for women to achieve personal and financial independence; and

WHEREAS, A sought-after consultant, motivational speaker, trainer, facilitator, and executive coach, Kathleen McLean serves as President and CEO of The McLean Group, a New York State certified Minority Women-Owned consulting firm that partners with organizations to create customized solutions for diversity/inclusion, team building and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Kathleen McLean is a volunteer with the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York and the Capital Region Women of Color Professional Network; she is also on the Advisory Board of Mission Accomplished Transition Services and the Resourceful Women's Leadership Steering Committee for the YWCA-GCR; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Kathleen McLean has been a mentor to countless women throughout the Capital Region and beyond, and has served on the Board of Directors for numerous local organizations; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Kathleen McLean was recognized as a Community Star by Mission Accomplished Transition Services for her volunteerism and support; in addition, she was selected as an Adult Achiever for her dedication to improving the lives of young people across the Capital District for the YMCA Black and Latino Achievers Program; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen McLean earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Buffalo State College, a Master's degree in Social Work with a concentration in Management from the State University at Albany, and a Master in Business Administration from SUNY Empire State College; she

also holds a Diversity Training Certificate through Diversity Training University International and serves as an Adjunct Instructor at Russell Sage College; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of 25 years and their four children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Kathleen McLean has displayed throughout her 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 Kathleen McLean, 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 Kathleen McLean upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Harriet Rifkin Leadership Award by the Capital District Women's Employment & Resource Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen McLean.