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Senate Resolution No. 3097

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Susan Taylor upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Advancement of Women in the WERCplace 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 organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the advancement of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Susan Taylor upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Advancement of Women in the WERCplace 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, Susan Taylor is being honored with this auspicious award in recognition of her long-standing efforts to remove barriers that keep women from achieving financial independence and success; and

WHEREAS, An educator for 30 years, Susan Taylor began her illustrious career with a private child care center and Head Start programs before she began her work with Equinox, Inc. in 2002; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Susan Taylor became the manager of Great Finds Thrift Boutique, a thrift store through Equinox which provides a setting for retail and soft skills training to individuals with a mental health diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Susan Taylor has brought her passion for teaching to this new position, supporting learning and success for adults; in this capacity she oversees the retail thrift business operations and creates a welcoming atmosphere where customers can enjoy a boutique shopping experience while coordinating the daily activities of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Susan Taylor has been instrumental in developing community partnerships with such organizations as WERC, providing clothing to women in need; and

WHEREAS, Susan Taylor earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Hudson Valley Community College and completed coursework at The College of Saint Rose and The Sage Colleges; she also holds a certificate in Web Design from New Horizons Computer Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an

individual for the benefit of others which Susan Taylor 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 Susan Taylor, 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 Susan Taylor upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Advancement of Women in the WERCplace 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 Susan Taylor.