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Senate Resolution No. 3879

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Meki Womack upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Meki Womack upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center, to be celebrated on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at Temple Israel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this prestigious awards ceremony recognizes individuals for their contributions to the Center and the Jewish community-at-large by acting as moral pillars and dispensers of wisdom

and advice, providing continued service and leadership, and acting generously in the spirit of Tzedakah; and

WHEREAS, Widely known for her extraordinary dedication to Israel and the local community, Meki Womack's philanthropic and leadership endeavors continue to inspire all of those who are lucky enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Meki Womack has been a devoted employee of the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center (JCC) for more than 22 years; she began her illustrious career teaching at Camp Gan Israel before accepting a full time position in the Early Childhood Department; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated Pre-school Teacher for nearly two decades, Meki Womack was recently promoted to the esteemed position of Administrative Coordinator for the Early Childhood Center; going above and beyond her designated role, she has created a multi-cultural training for staff and others to have a better understanding of cultural diversity in the community; and

WHEREAS, Meki Womack earned an early childhood degree, with honors, from Hudson Valley Community College; she has also taken theatre classes at SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Meki Womack has raised significant funds for countless charitable organizations, including the Ronald McDonald House, the Women and Children's Shelter, and various homeless shelters throughout the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Meki Womack has devoted much of her time to various JCC

causes including Kids Night Out; she has also donated her own hard earned paid time off to employees in need, as well as a memorial bench for a beloved friend and teacher; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Meki Womack 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 Meki Womack, 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 Meki Womack upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Susan Shpeen Memorial Award by the Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Meki Womack.