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Senate Resolution No. 4294

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Lori Stokes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York on April 11, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lori Stokes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York to be celebrated at its Spring Gala on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Linda Dano Heart Award is presented to a celebrity who has demonstrated the highest commitment to the betterment of the lives of at-risk populations, particularly those with intellectual-developmental disabilities and/or children and youth; Lori Stokes is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Since 1914, HeartShare Human Services of New York has

strived to improve the lives of people in need of special services and support; this vital non-profit organization helps individuals develop to their fullest potential and lead meaningful and enriched lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 16, 1962, in Cleveland Ohio, Lori Stokes studied journalism at both Ohio State University and Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Lori Stokes began her distinguished 32-year journalistic career as the medical reporter and then weekend co-anchor at WCIA in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois; throughout the years, she held a variety of positions for several news channels; and

WHEREAS, From 1992-1996, Lori Stokes served as WJLA-TV's lead female anchor of the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts; she was then employed by the newly formed MSNBC where she was one of the original anchors on the 24-hour cable news television channel and the first African American to speak on the cable news network; and

WHEREAS, From 2000-2017, Lori Stokes held the position of co-anchor of "Eyewitness News This Morning" on WABC-TV; today, she is the co-anchor of "Good Day New York" on Fox 5 WNYW; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lori Stokes upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Linda Dano Heart Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York; and

be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lori Stokes.