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Senate Resolution No. 4765

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING AVillage, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Community Champion Award by the Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor AVillage, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Community Champion Award by the Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala, "Time, Tradition, Trinity," on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in August of 2009 by Willie White, AVillage, Inc. is a grassroots, non-profit organization with a steadfast dedication to developing the South End of Albany, New York, through the creation of new programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, AVillage improves the

quality of life for residents of the South End, by reclaiming the neighborhoods and by encouraging, engaging, and empowering the communities; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community, AVillage, in partnership with Trinity Alliance, is unveiling a new initiative entitled REACH: Rapid Engagement & Advocacy for Community Health; and

WHEREAS, This vital program will address public health issues and the social determinants of health, particularly for people living in the South End, Arbor Hill and West Hill neighborhoods within Albany; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, AVillage has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of AVillage is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to AVillage; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 AVillage, Inc. upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2018 Community Champion Award by the Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Willie White, Executive Director, AVillage, Inc.