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Senate Resolution No. 5405

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Gretchel Hathaway upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Excellence in Professions Award by the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gretchel Hathaway upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Excellence in Professions Award by the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber to be celebrated at its 27th Annual Women of Excellence Luncheon on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Business Council (WBC) diligently works to promote the full participation and leadership of women at all levels in the workplace, the community and government; it also develops programs which provide opportunities for women to learn and network as well as share their expertise with each other and to address the unique issues of women in business; and

WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award acknowledges women in six categories: Distinguished Career, Emerging Professional, Excellence in Business, Excellence in Business Development, Excellence in Management, and Excellence in the Professions; and

WHEREAS, Gretchel Hathaway has exhibited the true spirit of this auspicious award through her impressive professional success and her tireless dedication to both her community and her family; this remarkable woman is helping to shape the future of the residents of the Capital Region and throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Gretchel Hathaway is both the Dean of Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer for Union College in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Twenty years ago, Gretchel Hathaway began her long and distinguished career with Union College; she assumed the position of the first diversity officer when the position was created in 2006, following a study and creation of a strategic plan to address diversity on campus; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Gretchel Hathaway diligently works to promote a safe and health educational, living and social environment for the College's 2,200 full-time undergraduate students which come from 40 American states and territories and 36 other countries; international students make up 7% of the student body, and 20% of students identify themselves as members of a multicultural group; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all

the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gretchel Hathaway upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Excellence in Professions Award by the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gretchel Hathaway.