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Senate Resolution No. 5406

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Gretchen Meyer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Emerging Professional 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 Gretchen Meyer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Emerging Professional 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, Gretchen Meyer 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, During a difficult time in her life, Gretchen Meyer worked three jobs to get herself out of debt, and subsequently, vowed to be an independent woman for the rest of her life; and

WHEREAS, While working full-time, Gretchen Meyer earned two master's degrees from Columbia University, where she won two student awards; after graduating, she was employed by the NFL; she then changed careers and became a financial adviser; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen Meyer founded Gretchen Meyer Financial in 2014; in this capacity, she works with both men and women, however, she is dedicated to helping women of all ages and incomes achieve financial independence; she is proud to provide a safe haven and resource for women to become successful; and

WHEREAS, Today, Gretchen Meyer serves as a financial planner for more than 400 clients across the United States with varying levels of assets; for her steadfast commitment to her profession and community, she was named to the 40 Under 40 List by the Albany Business Journal in 2017; 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 Gretchen Meyer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Emerging Professional 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 Gretchen Meyer.