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Senate Resolution No. 176

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING The Reverend Dr. Paul M. Barner upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Distinguished Alumnus by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and Alumni Association on September 22, 2018

WHEREAS, The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State is nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who would commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Reverend Dr. Paul M. Barner upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Distinguished Alumnus by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and Alumni Association to be celebrated at its Alumni Awards Brunch on Homecoming Weekend, Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the Bulmer Telecommunications Center, Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Albany, New York, Reverend Dr. Paul Barner earned his Associate of Arts degree from Hudson Valley Community College in 1982; he went on to study at Nyack College where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts/Missiology; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Paul Barner furthered his education by obtaining his Master of Arts degree from Ateneo De Davao University in Applied Social Research: Mindanao Studies; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about serving those who are less fortunate, Reverend Dr. Paul Barner founded, and currently runs an orphanage, school and many churches in the Philippines; he has dedicated his life's work to teaching children both in grade school and college; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Paul Barner and his wife, Elvie, and two children, Timothy "PJ" and Abigail "SW" travel globally two months of every year to search for sponsors for more than 4,000 poor children who have attended his school, the Barner Christian Academy; in the future, Paul plans to open a tribal school for destitute, illiterate mountain children; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with children, Reverend Dr. Paul Barner is past President and Spiritual Aims Chairman of Kiwanis Club, a competent toastmaster, alumnus of Rotary Group Study Exchange, honorary member of the Philippine Eagles Club, past Treasurer of the Rolla Ministerial Alliance and participant in March of Dimes Walkathons; and

WHEREAS, When he is not helping someone, Reverend Dr. Paul Barner enjoys running; he is a 10th-time Ironman 70.3 triathlete and a seventh-time 26.2 marathon runner; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person

of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor The Reverend Dr. Paul M. Barner upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Distinguished Alumnus by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and Alumni Association on September 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Reverend Dr. Paul M. Barner.