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Senate Resolution No. 179

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Reverend Peggy Funderburke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by Family Promise of the Capital Region

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 individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Reverend Peggy Funderburke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by Family Promise of the Capital Region to be celebrated at its 4th Annual Doors to the Future event on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Now in its fourth year, Family Promise of the Capital Region (FPCR) has extended overnight hospitality to 27 families in the Capital Region, offering them the individualized, community-based, wraparound support needed to secure affordable housing and sustainable employment; this valuable organization has also provided assistance to

numerous families who were on the verge of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Funderburke, who was born on June 18, 1950, in Albany, Georgia, is the granddaughter of a Methodist Circuit-Riding Minister who served southwest Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Her father served in the United States Air Force for 33 years; this employment caused the family to move every two to three years; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Funderburke received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Education Administration from Arkansas State University; she taught third grade for three years in DeWitt, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Peggy Funderburke moved to New York City; three years later, she and two partners founded Triangle Fire Protection Corp., a fire protection and suppression company working in high-rise buildings in and around Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Funderburke was the only woman in New York City in 1980 to have a controlling role in a construction company that was a union shop; she held this position for the next 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Funderburke retired from Triangle to begin a new calling, to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament in 2003; she attended New Brunswick Theological Seminary and graduated Magna Cum Laude in May of 2006; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2006, Reverend Peggy Funderburke was hired as the Associate Pastoral Care Minister for Marble Collegiate's congregation in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2008, Reverend Peggy Funderburke left New York City to accept a call to minister at Bethany Reformed Church in Albany, New York; since arriving in Albany, she has become associated with SHOW, Inc. (a non-profit for incarcerated women), the Classis of Albany (serving now as past president), the Regional Synod of Albany (now serving as Chair of the Personnel Committee) and the Capital Area Council of Churches; and

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons who provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; 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 Reverend Peggy Funderburke upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Community Service Award by Family Promise of the Capital Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Reverend Peggy Funderburke.