

## 2015-J2522

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter M. Pryor Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in the Legal Profession Award by the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Peter M. Pryor has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Peter M. Pryor Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in the Legal Profession Award by the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association to be celebrated on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at the State Bar Center-Great Hall in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter M. Pryor will be receiving this prestigious award in recognition of his courageous spirit and groundbreaking work as a pioneer in the legal profession, and for his outstanding efforts to improve the quality of life for people of color in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, A native of Savannah, Georgia, Peter M. Pryor first came to Albany in 1947, after proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Peter M. Pryor received his bachelor's degree from Siena College in 1952, and his Juris Doctor from Union University, Albany Law School in 1954; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his law degree, Peter M. Pryor served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York; General Counsel, New York State Pure Waters Authority; Chairman, New York State Consumer

Protection Board; General Attorney of the State Insurance Fund; and  
Counsel to the Law Firm of Nolan & Heller; and

WHEREAS, Today, this esteemed man has served as Principal in the Law  
Offices of Peter M. Pryor where he has engaged in civil practice,  
specializing in tort litigation and employer's liability defense liti-  
gation since 1988; he is also the founder of the risk management and  
consulting firm of Peter M. Pryor Associates; and

WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, Peter M. Pryor has served as a prac-  
ticing attorney and active participant in the civic and community  
affairs of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Peter M. Pryor has been called upon to contribute his time  
and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always  
given of himself unstintingly; in addition to his legal practice, he  
provides considerable pro bono services to members of his community in  
need and to various community and religious organizations; and

WHEREAS, A former President of the Albany Branch of the NAACP, Peter  
M. Pryor is co-Chairman of the Legal Redress Committee of the New York  
Conference of NAACP Branches and a Vice President and Board Member of  
the Albany Inter-Racial Council; furthermore, he is a founding member of  
the Urban League of the Greater Albany Area, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Peter M. Pryor has been a vital part of such local boards and  
commissions as the State University of Albany Foundation, the Board of  
Cultural Vistas for Youth, the Albany Historic Foundation, Board of  
Directors, Albany Institute of History and Art, Urban Cultural Park  
Advisory Committee, and the Northeast Health, Inc. Board of Directors;  
and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-  
ual for the benefit of others which Peter M. Pryor has displayed  
throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-  
uals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, 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 Peter M. Pryor Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in the Legal Profession Award by the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter M. Pryor Esq.