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Senate Resolution No. 136

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Sister Maria Joseph Cokely upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Faith Based Service Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum

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 organizations and 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 Sister Maria Joseph Cokely, CSJ upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Faith Based Service Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Senior Issues Forum is a voluntary initiative among faith communities, organizations and individuals which provides support for seniors in the capital district through education and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, this vital organization has focused on senior

housing issues by bringing together caregivers, faith organizations, government officials, housing facilities, administrators and seniors themselves; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, the Capital District Senior Issues Forum has honored more than 700 senior citizens over the age of 85 for their lifetime achievements; and

WHEREAS, Sister Maria Joseph Cokely is being recognized as an extraordinary senior for her tireless efforts in making a difference in the lives of others and for giving selflessly in faith-based service; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Sister Maria Joseph Cokely has displayed throughout her life; 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 Sister Maria Joseph Cokely upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Faith Based Service Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Maria Joseph Cokely.