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Senate Resolution No. 2715

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Benjamin W. Hill, Esq. upon the occasion of being named a Man of Valor by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc. on June 17, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Benjamin W. Hill, Esq. upon the occasion of being named a Man of Valor by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc., to be recognized at its 9th Annual Men of Valor Celebration on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Hill is being honored with this auspicious award in recognition of his trailblazing efforts to make a difference within the local community; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Hill is an attorney at Dreyer Boyajian LLP, a civil litigation and white-collar criminal defense firm in Albany, New York; he focuses his legal practice on serious personal injury, civil rights and criminal defense; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Dreyer Boyajian LLP, Benjamin W. Hill served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Randolph F. Treece, Federal Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Hill graduated cum laude from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2006, and summa cum laude from Ohio Western University in 2003; he was a 2005 Fulbright Scholarship recipient in Honduras and is fluent in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his illustrious law career, Benjamin W. Hill has served as an Adjunct Professor at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, teaching courses in criminal procedure, constitutional law, comparative criminal justice, and evidence; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Hill has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including being named to the New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, as well as being recognized for his pro bono services in the Northern District of New York; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin W. Hill currently resides with his wife and three daughters in Albany, where he is an active member and Trustee of Trinity United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Benjamin W. Hill has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Benjamin W. Hill, that future generations may know and appreciate his

admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Benjamin W. Hill, Esq. upon the occasion of being named a Man of Valor by the Frank Chapman Memorial Institute, Inc. on June 17, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin W. Hill, Esq.