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Senate Resolution No. 3726

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING the Prout and Robison Families upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Unity House on February 9, 2018

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, The Prout and Robison Families have given not only of their time and energies but also of their competence, intelligence and leadership, and consequently have been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Prout and Robison Families upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Unity House, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala on Friday, February 9, 2018, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1971, Unity House is a Rensselaer County-based human service agency which provides a wide range of services to meet the otherwise unmet needs of people in the community who are hurting and struggling; they assist those living in poverty, adults living with mental illness or HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, and children with developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, A family foundation that has roots in the oldest pharmaceutical company in the country, the Robison Family Foundation continues to be one of the most regular and generous charities for the advancement of health, education, social welfare and the arts in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Robison Family Foundation, established in 1980, by the late Ellis H. and Doris B. Robison, has steadfastly supported local hospitals, schools, colleges, art centers, youth organizations and volunteer agencies; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Elissa Robison Prout, the Robison Family Foundation donated funds to help erect a bronze statue of Colonel Albert Pawling for a memorial park in his honor at the foot of Pawling Avenue on the city's east side; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation has also supported such regional organizations as Northeast Health, the Arts Council of the Capital Region, Vanderheyden Hall, Albany Academy, Ten Broeck Mansion, Sunnyside Center, Unity House, Girl Scouts, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Russell Sage College, Troy Chromatic Concerts, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Emma Willard School and St. Peter's Health Partners; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which the Prout and Robison Families have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations 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 the Prout and Robison Families upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Unity House On February 9, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Prout and Robison Families.