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Senate Resolution No. 23

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Champion of Community Action Award by the Commission on Economic Opportunity on September 19, 2018

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 the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of its designation of the Champion of Community Action Award by the Commission on Economic Opportunity, to be celebrated at its Annual Community Action Luncheon on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) was formed in 1965 as a private non-profit Community Action Agency; today, there are over 1,100 Community Action Agencies across the country which were created after Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, CEO has strived to change lives, make a difference in the local community and give people in need the tools necessary to lift themselves out of poverty by creating partnerships and

developing opportunities for social and economic growth and empowerment in individuals, families and communities through its five core areas: Family and Education Support, Early Childhood Education, Employment and Financial Education, Healthy Homes, and Health and Wellness; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of President Kate Manley, the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce is receiving this auspicious award in recognition of its steadfast dedication to supporting the work of various non-profit organizations, businesses and members of its community, and for its role in making the county a better place for its residents to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Rensselaer Chamber of Commerce is in direct correlation to the efforts of its administration, staff and members whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this vital institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Champion of Community Action Award by the Commission on Economic Opportunity on September 19, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kate Manley, President, Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce.