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Senate Resolution No. 684

**BY: Senator KAPLAN** 

COMMEMORATING the 120th Anniversary of the Nassau County Bar Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations of the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the Nassau County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1899, the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA) is a professional membership association for attorneys; it is the leading source for legal information and services for the legal profession and the local community in Nassau County, Long Island; and

WHEREAS, The Nassau County Bar Association enjoys a membership of private and public sector attorneys, judges, legal educators and law students; these members have the opportunity to participate in more than 50 substantive law committees and a variety of programs which strive to confront the challenges and changing needs of the legal profession and the community at large; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, young attorneys draw on the experience of their more established counterparts as lawyers work together on a diversity of projects; partners and associates at large and small law firms, solo practitioners, government attorneys, court-appointed attorneys, ADAs, corporate attorneys, as well as the distinguished judiciary have found value in the Association's diverse membership; and

WHEREAS, The nationally-recognized charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association, the WE CARE Fund, was founded in 1988, by NCBA Past President Stephen Gassman; all funds raised by the legal profession and the community at large are distributed through charitable grants to improve the quality of life for children, the elderly and others in need throughout Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the WE CARE Fund has raised more than \$3 million which has gone directly to assist more than 100 charitable causes, some of which include the Nassau County Girl Scouts, Education and Assistance Corporation, Nassau County Family Court Emergency Fund, Long Island Council of Churches, Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mercy Haven and Interfaith Nutrition Network; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 120-year history, the Nassau County Bar Association has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Nassau County Bar Association is in direct correlation to the efforts of its dedicated 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 the organization and the community it serves; and WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Nassau County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the Nassau County Bar Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Nassau County Bar Association.