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Senate Resolution No. 1684

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Angela O. Burton, Esq. upon the occasion
of her designation as recipient of the 2019 Special
Recognition Award by the New York State Bar
Association's Committee on Children and the Law

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who
enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and
sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their
profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all
the citizens of 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
Angela O. Burton, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient
of the 2019 Special Recognition Award by the New York State Bar
Association's Committee on Children and the Law to be celebrated at its
Awards Reception and Ceremony on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in the Great
Hall at State Bar Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Angela O. Burton is receiving this prestigious award for
her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to improving New York's child
welfare and juvenile justice systems; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Cornell University's School of Industrial and

Labor Relations and New York University School of Law, Angela Olivia Burton began her legal career with the New York State Court of Appeals as a law clerk to The Honorable Fritz W. Alexander, II, followed by several years as a litigation associate at the law firm of Debevoise and Plimpton in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Angela O. Burton next held the title of Director of the Children's Rights and Family Law Clinic at Syracuse University College of Law and was a Lawyering Instructor at New York University School of Law before serving as an Associate Professor at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Angela O. Burton then became the Director of Quality Enhancement for Parental Representation at the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, created in 2010, pursuant to Executive Law §832 "to monitor, study and make efforts to improve the quality" of indigent legal services throughout the state; in 2018, she was appointed by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore as Special Advisor to the New York State Unified Court System's Commission on Parental Legal Representation; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to her profession, Angela O. Burton is a vital member of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, the New York State OCA/OCFS Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Statewide Multidisciplinary Workgroup, the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Families and the Law, and the Family Justice Initiative; 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 Angela O. Burton, Esq. upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2019 Special Recognition Award by the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Children and the Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Angela O. Burton, Esq.