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Senate Resolution No. 989

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Dr. Alice Green upon the occasion of her
designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age
Achievement Award by Lifepath

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of
certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their
valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly
acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among
us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Alice
Green upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2021
Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath, to be celebrated at its 25th
Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2021, at Wolferts Roost Country
Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lifepath is dedicated to keeping older neighbors and
friends healthy and safe by providing effective programs and support to
help them stay connected to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the
contributions area residents and professionals have made in their
communities during the Third Age of their lives (after turning 60
years-old); Dr. Alice Green is truly deserving of this prestigious

award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Green is the Executive Director of the Center for Law and Justice, a civil rights organization she founded in 1985, which provides community education on civil and criminal justice, legal guidance and advocacy, crisis intervention, as well as community planning and organizing around criminal justice, civil rights and civil liberties issues of particular concern to poor communities and those of color; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Governor Cuomo appointed Dr. Alice Green to membership on the Citizens Policy and Complaint Review Council of the New York State Commission of Corrections; one year later, he appointed her to the position of Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, during which time she was in charge of strategic planning, policy, and information; and

WHEREAS, After leaving state service, Dr. Alice Green became Legislative Director for the New York Civil Liberties Union where she served as Director of their Albany Office in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Green, an adjunct professor at the University at Albany, has also taught at Russell Sage and Siena College; she began her illustrious career as a secondary school teacher and social worker; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, for many years, Dr. Alice Green directed Trinity Institution, a youth and family services center in Albany's South End; in this capacity, she also worked tirelessly on community

organizing and founded the South End Scene, one of the longest published Black newspapers in Albany; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Green writes and lectures on racism and criminal justice and often does commentary and analysis for a number of newspapers and television and radio programs; she co-authored the book, Law Never Here, A Social History of African American Responses to Issues of Crime and Justice, (1999 Greenwood Press), as well as Wicked Albany (2009) and Wicked Danville (2011 History Press), two books about Prohibition; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, this extraordinary woman founded and is now President of the Paden Institute and Retreat for Writers of Color located in the Adirondack town of Essex, New York, where writers are provided technical assistance and a free environment for writing; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Dr. Alice Green is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Defenders Association, a member of the Advisory Board of the Capital District Chapter of the NYCLU, and Vice President of Senior Hope, an alcohol and drug counseling program; she is a founder of the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, and for more than 20 years she worked as a prison volunteer; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her tireless work, Dr. Alice Green has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades from countless local and state organizations, including the NAACP, Rockefeller College, National Organization for Women, New York State Bar Association, the University at Albany, the New York Defenders Association, the New York Civil Liberties Union, Social Justice Center, Citizen Action Social Justice Center and the Albany Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, she and actor Danny Glover were co-recipients of the John Brown Freedom of Justice Award; she received the Community Service Award from the College of St. Rose and the Literary Legend Award

from the Albany Public Library Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Dr. Alice Green was presented with the YWCA Northeastern NY Women of Achievement Award, The Women's Fund of the Capital Region Trailblazing Women of 2019 Award, and the Community Service Award from Treatment Works; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Green holds a doctorate in criminal justice and master's degrees in education, social work, and criminology; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Alice Green has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Alice Green upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Alice Green.