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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bob McMahon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mary G. Breslin Volunteer Service Award by LaSalle School on March 17, 2015

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 acknowledges their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bob McMahon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 10th Annual Mary G. Breslin Volunteer Service Award by LaSalle School, to be celebrated on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the George E. Hanner Chapel Cultural Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Bob McMahon served as Executive Director of SCO Family of Services, a Greater New York City agency providing family support, education, special needs, foster care and homeless shelters to more than 40,000 children and families; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Bob McMahon, SCO Family of Services, formerly known as St. Christopher's, grew from a small Long Island based agency to become one of the largest social services providers in the New York area; and

WHEREAS, In addition, under his governance, SCO Family Service Center for Family Life gained national recognition as a model for the integration of family development, youth work, community building and serves as inspiration for non-profit agencies throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, After 38 years in this esteemed position, Bob McMahon's talents allow him to lend experience and perspective to child welfare agencies seeking to understand emerging trends such as managed care and the importance of strategic planning for the future; and

WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for human service agencies across New York State, Bob McMahon believes strongly in personal contribution, exploration and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, In dedication of his contributions to SCO and the field of human services, the SCO Family Services Sea Cliff Campus was renamed the Robert L. McMahon Children's Center to honor his lifelong and unwavering commitment to serving New York's most vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, A native of Albany, New York, Bob McMahon graduated from Notre Dame; he is active in non-profit board service and is currently a member of LaSalle School's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding work in social services Bob McMahon has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades some of which include, the 2011 Lewis Hine Award for Service to Children and Youth, the 2011 David Roth Leadership Award from the Child Welfare League of America, and the 2009 Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Hartman Award from Long Island's Advancement for Commerce, Industry and Technology; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Bob McMahon has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of a 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 Bob McMahon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Mary G. Breslin Volunteer Service Award by LaSalle School on March

17, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bob McMahon.