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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert J. McMahon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the diligence and compassionate commitment of those individuals whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert J. McMahon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 19th Annual Third Age Achievement Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 8, 2015, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions that area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives; Robert J. McMahon will receive this award for his valuable achievements and devoted service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Robert J. McMahon has been a vibrant, enthusiastic participant of the Human Services community; and

WHEREAS, From 1959 to 1965, Robert J. McMahon began his commitment to serving those less fortunate by becoming a high school teacher; he then assumed the role of CEO for Pius XII School in Chester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. McMahon went on to become the CEO of St. Christopher O'tillie Family of Service in Glencove, New York, where he created a system to care for children in the child welfare, educational, mental health, and developmental disability community; SCO Family of Services helps vulnerable New Yorkers build a strong foundation for the future; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Robert J. McMahon's SCO Family Services is instrumental in helping young children, launch youth into adulthood, stabilize and strengthen families, and unlock potential for children and adults with special needs; SCO has also provided vital human services

throughout New York City and Long Island for more than 100 years; and WHEREAS, Robert J. McMahon has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; currently, he serves as the volunteer CEO of Peter Young Housing/Industries and Treatment Center; this worthy organization is dedicated to creating taxpayers by serving the impoverished, addicted, and socially disenfranchised to help them enter the world of work and become good citizens who contribute to their community; and

WHEREAS, A man of many accomplishments, Robert J. McMahon's most notable achievement was building the Center for Family in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, New York, which services the children and low income families of that area; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kathy, and their three daughters, Kerri, Amy, and Molly, as well as four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; 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 Robert J. McMahon upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

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