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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Patricia Binzer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 Patricia Binzer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Albany was founded in 1952, to serve the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in the greater Albany area; since its inception, the agency has focused its mission on enhancing quality of life and fostering independence for seniors in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Third Age Achievement Awards are designed to pay tribute to members of the Capital Region who have made significant contributions to our communities in their "third age"; the award seeks to dispel the myth that getting older always means slowing down and highlights the activities, achievements and creativity of individuals over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The 60-plus stage of life can be a time full of opportunities

to enrich our communities, pursue dreams, and provide leadership; the Third Age Achievement Awards honor individuals who have excelled in all of these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Active in the Capital District community, Patricia Binzer has taught elementary school and reading, served as a language arts consultant, served as a director of reading, language arts and gifted education, and also taught as an adjunct at both the College of St. Rose and at Skidmore College; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Binzer received a Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY New Paltz and an Master of Science and Education from SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Patricia Binzer co-founded the Capital District Senior Issues Forum, a grassroots, voluntary initiative aimed at identifying issues and unmet needs of the senior community and educating the public about these issues and needs; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to giving back to her community, Patricia Binzer, along with her husband, support several educational and human services organizations, including the University at Albany School of Social Welfare Internships in Aging Program and the SEED program which provides education and loans to future entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, An avid lover of music and the arts, Patricia Binzer has been a longtime supporter of the Albany Institute of History and Art, Capital Repertory Theatre, and MacHaydn Theatre, among others; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband of nearly 60 years, Henry, and their daughter, Jayne, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals 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 Patricia Binzer upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 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 Patricia Binzer.