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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Patricia O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Patricia O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Bronx and raised in New Rochelle, Patricia O'Brien received her bachelor's degree from Mount St. Vincent College and her master's degree from Long Island University; she has lived in Manhasset since her marriage in 1973; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to volunteerism, Patricia O'Brien gives selflessly of her time and energy to numerous organizations including the American Legion Auxiliary, St. Francis Hospital, Disabled American Veterans, and Adventures in Learning, a math tutoring program for high school students; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Patricia O'Brien is a Eucharistic Minister and Consolation Minister at St. Mary's Church in Manhasset, New York; she also visits homebound individuals almost weekly to provide them with a link to their faith; and

WHEREAS, The very foundation of endless veteran projects, Patricia O'Brien raises funds for needy veterans returning home, sends packages to troops in Afghanistan, and transports veterans to and from their homes in Nassau County to the Northport VA Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, A truly selfless and humble woman, Patricia O'Brien utilizes her teaching background to encourage children to participate in these vital veteran organizations, ensuring the next generation understands, supports and continues to uphold the value of service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Patricia O'Brien has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Donald, and their daughter, Kelly (Andrea), as well as two grandchildren, all 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 O'Brien has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Patricia O'Brien, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volun-

teerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Patricia O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia O'Brien.