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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John C. Googas, Jr. for his distinguished legislative service after 43 Sessions in the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 43 Sessions, John C. Googas, Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the New York State Senate; his official last day will be on June 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, As a Political Science student at Siena College, John C. Googas, Jr. served as an Intern for Senator Frank Padavan from Queens County; during this time, New York State was led by then Governor Nelson Rockefeller, Senate Majority Leader Warren Anderson, and New York City Mayor Abe Beame; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, John C. Googas, Jr. was hired by Senator Frank Padavan to work with him on both New York State and New York City concerns with his colleagues, and other state and city officials; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, John C. Googas, Jr.'s responsibilities increased and he was promoted to the esteemed title of Chief of Staff to Senator Frank Padavan; in this capacity, he worked with many elected officials, administrative staff members, and union representatives throughout New York State and New York City enhancing and implementing policies and facilitating legislation enacted to bettering the quality of life for all New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, After 38 years of dedicated service, John C. Googas, Jr. retired from his position as Chief of Staff to his friend and mentor, Senator Frank Padavan; and

WHEREAS, From January of 2011 through June of 2016, John C. Googas,

Jr. returned to work part-time for Senator Martin Golden, continuing to advise on policy issues affecting New York State and New York City; and WHEREAS, In his capacity as Policy Advisor, John C. Googas, Jr.

served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, John C. Googas, Jr. was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the New York State Senate, John C. Googas, Jr. earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 36 years, Mary Pat Stackman; his two daughters, Melissa (Matt) and Andrea; and his two grandchildren, Ronan and Ava, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, After he retires, John C. Googas, Jr. plans on spending more time with his family, especially his grandchildren, and traveling with his wife; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 John C. Googas, Jr. for his distinguished legislative service after 43 Sessions with the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John C. Googas, Jr.