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Senate Resolution No. 149

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Angelo Mazzone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Laureate Award by The University at Albany Foundation on October 27, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those individuals and businesses which substantially contribute to the economic vitality of their communities and the entire Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Angelo Mazzone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Laureate Award by The University at Albany Foundation, to be celebrated at its 37th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at SEFCU Arena, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1977, this auspicious occasion has helped to strengthen the ties between the academic and business community; for 36 years, the University at Albany Foundation's Citizen Laureate Awards have honored outstanding leaders in business and industry, government and academics for their singular accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Each of the remarkable Laureates have enriched their community in distinctive ways - economically, scientifically, culturally, intellectually, and socially - their efforts are helping to transform the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Mazzone, renowned restaurateur and owner of Mazzone Hospitality, is receiving this prestigious award for his notable contributions to the Capital Region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Mazzone has nurtured his company Mazzone Hospitality into a local culinary empire, delivering expert and unique catering experiences, fine dining restaurants and a company founded on the philosophy of customer service; and

WHEREAS, A Long Island native who worked from age 10 at this grandfather's bakery and pizza restaurant, Angelo Mazzone began his empire at a small downtown Schenectady restaurant called Peggy's in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Through the years Angelo Mazzone built his business and secured the purchase of Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia in 1988; today, under his luminous leadership, the Mazzone Hospitality Restaurant Division runs six restaurants from Albany to Saratoga, and includes catering, event and PRIME business dining divisions, the latter offering cafeteria-style dining within Capital Region corporate offices, with meals designed by great chefs; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by his family's strong Italian traditions, Angelo Mazzone has never lost sight of contributing to his community; he

generously supports the Culinary and Hospitality Program at Schenectady County Community College, The American Heart Association, The American

Cancer Association, SPAC, Proctors Theatre and the Palace Theater; and

WHEREAS, The University at Albany Foundation recognizes and appreciates Angelo Mazzone's brilliant leadership, vision and commitment to quality, as well as his significant role in transforming the local culinary experience; 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 Angelo Mazzone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Community Laureate Award by The University at Albany Foundation on October 27, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Angelo Mazzone.