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Senate Resolution No. 704

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of the Halfmoon Senior Center, and celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its Building

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 a valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations which provide essential care and support services for elderly and disabled people, and serve to enhance the quality of life for our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Halfmoon Senior Center, and celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its Building on Friday, May 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Founded on April 7, 1987, Halfmoon Seniors, Inc. met in the Solar Town Hall and initiated Bill Tansey as the first President; Peter Keyrouze, Vice President; Dorothy Bauer, Secretary; Mary Golden, Treasurer, and Jud Morris, Chairman of the Building Fund; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of five years, the Halfmoon Seniors, Inc. raised enough funds to build their own Senior Center; the building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on November 29, 1992; and

WHEREAS, In this new building, the Halfmoon Seniors, Inc. were able to include an exercise room, game room, library, craft room, director's office, small meeting room and community room, as well as a kitchen; and

WHEREAS, An active part of their community, the Halfmoon Seniors, Inc. participate in many events in the town, including Halfmoon Day, Treats and Treasures, a bazaar they organize each fall and spring, picnics, fashion shows and card parties; and

WHEREAS, The Halfmoon Senior Center offers a range of services and activities to the local seniors such as ceramics, card stamping, quilting, woodworking, bowling, jewelry making and yoga; they also offer bingo, pool, shuffle board, poker and card playing; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Halfmoon Seniors, Inc. participate in day trips to places including Irish and German Festivals and to Queensbury to view its Christmas Tree decorations; they also take weeklong trips to Niagara Falls, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and the Finger Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of its Director, Eileen Pettis, this vital organization truly enhances the overall quality of life among the senior population and is an asset within the community it so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, This significant milestone is an excellent opportunity to recognize the special contributions of the Halfmoon Seniors, Inc. and

the dedicated individuals who strive to better the quality of life for senior citizens in the community; and

WHEREAS, 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, The success of the Halfmoon Senior Center is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Halfmoon Senior Center, and celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its Building; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Pettis, Director, Halfmoon Senior Center.