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Senate Resolution No. 978

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING Joe and Mary Bonura upon the occasion  
of their designation for special recognition by  
Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. on  
March 25, 2017

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 commend Joe and  
Mary Bonura upon the occasion of their designation for special  
recognition by Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc., to be  
celebrated at its Bow Ties and Bouquets Spring Gala on Saturday, March  
25, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated staff and volunteers of Hospice of Orange and  
Sullivan Counties strive to improve the quality of a patient's life by  
offering comfort and dignity by addressing all symptoms of a disease,

with a special emphasis on controlling a patient's pain and discomfort and also providing the emotional, social and spiritual support for the patient and the patient's family; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Mary Bonura are being recognized for their many years of support to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, along with their unwavering dedication to helping Hospice carry out its mission of providing comfort and support to patients and their families when a life-limiting illness no longer responds to cure-oriented treatments; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, Mary Bonura has been a vital member of the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties Board of Directors; she is also one of the Founding Members of the Hospice Auxiliary, and in July of 2008, became its first President; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bonura has served on both the Gala and Auxiliary Committee; in 2010, she became a Certified Hospice Volunteer, and trained to be a Vigil Volunteer; a kind and compassionate woman, she often accompanies many patients at the end of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Together, Mary and Joe Bonura are important benefactors of Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, generously supporting the capital campaign for the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence that is now in its 11th year of providing in-patient hospice care; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Joe and Mary Bonura have stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by

individuals for the benefit of others which Joe and Mary Bonura have displayed throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and associations 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 commend Joe and Mary Bonura upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. on March 25, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joe and Mary Bonura.