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Senate Resolution No. 1568

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Cody McCone upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 10, 2017

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Cody McCone upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy to be celebrated at its 18th Annual Evening of Mercy Gala on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at The Yale Club of New York City; and

WHEREAS, The Sisters of Mercy work passionately to eliminate poverty, the widespread denial of human rights, the degradation of earth, the increase in violence and racism, the continued oppression of women, the abuse of children, the mistreatment of immigrants and the lack of solidarity among people and nations; and

WHEREAS, Cody McCone earned his bachelor's degree in Rhetoric from Loyola University, and his Juris Doctor from John Marshall Law School;

he was admitted to the New York State Bar, the United States District Court, the Southern District of New York, the Eastern District of New York, and the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, In April of 1987, Cody McCone joined O'Dwyer & Bernstein, LLP, where he has earned a reputation as a tireless advocate for his clients, many of whom have been injured in construction site accidents in the New York area, including the Freedom Tower, and Buildings No. 3 and No. 4 at the World Trade Center; he represents clients not only in the courts, but also before numerous administrative agencies; and

WHEREAS, Well-respected for his considerable experience and vast knowledge, Cody McCone serves as a judge at the New York Law School Annual Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition, and has lectured on Personal Injury and Construction Accident Law topics at Notre Dame Law School, the School of Law at Rutgers University, and at the Kings Inn and Mansion House in Dublin, Ireland, where he was a guest co-speaker with Justice Susan Denham of the Supreme Court of Ireland and the Right Honorable Michael Mulcahy, Lord Mayor of Dublin; he has also appeared as Counsel in the Coroners Inquest Court in Dublin; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Cody McCone is a member of the Judicial Screening Panel for the Appellate Division, Second Department, State of New York; the Sisters of Mercy Board of Directors, and the Marriage and Relationships Institute; since July of 2015, he has served on the Board of Directors of HeartShare St. Vincent's Services; and

WHEREAS, Proud of his Irish heritage, Cody McCone works with the Emerald Isle Immigration Center, and is a volunteer for the Coney Island

Annual Great Irish Fair; for the past 25 years, he has been an active supporter and defender of Irish human rights; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Cody McCone held the position of President of the Brehon Law Society, an Irish-American Bar Association of attorneys whose objective is to achieve peace and unity in Northern Ireland through the legal process; and

WHEREAS, Cody McCone also served as Acting President of Division Five, the Paul O'Dwyer Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Kings County; in 2009, he was named the Brooklyn Irishman of the Year, and the 2010 Brooklyn Shamrock Football Club Guest of Honor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Rhea, and their two daughters, Ciara and Kaeleigh, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 commend Cody McCone upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sisters of Mercy on May 10, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cody McCone.