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Senate Resolution No. 1570

BY: Senator GOLDEN

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

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of broadcasting in their area; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Greg Kelly 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, In 1991, Greg Kelly earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, After his graduation, Greg Kelly proudly served his country as an attack pilot in the United States Marine Corps from 1991-2011; as a AV-8B Harrier jet pilot, he amassed 158 aircraft carrier landings and flew over Iraq in Operation Southern Watch, enforcing the United Nations imposed "No-Fly Zone"; a licensed commercial pilot, he achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to the United States, Greg Kelly began his long and distinguished journalism career as an anchor and reporter for News Channel 34, the ABC affiliate in Binghamton, New York; he then worked as a reporter for New York 1 News, where he covered New York City politics and the September 11th attacks; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Greg Kelly joined Fox News Channel (FNC) based in New York; from 2005-2007, he served as a White House correspondent; and

WHEREAS, In this position, Greg Kelly also covered the war in Iraq extensively, including four long-term assignments in Baghdad; during the 2003 invasion, he was embedded with the United States Army's 3rd Infantry Division, 2nd Brigade, where he was the first television reporter to deliver live pictures of United States forces infiltrating Baghdad, as well as exclusive reports of the storming of Saddam Hussein's presidential palace; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Greg Kelly embarked on recording a podcast series which includes interviews with notable figures from the world of politics, astrophysics, law enforcement, education and entertainment; currently, he is a co-host of "Good Day New York" on Fox 5; and

WHEREAS, Greg Kelly has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving

to meet the needs of his viewers through entertainment and enlightenment; and

WHEREAS, When he is not working, Greg Kelly is an active and vital member of his community; he is a volunteer at the Bowery Mission, The Kelly Gang, and McDonald's Gospel Fest; 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 Greg Kelly 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 Greg Kelly.