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Senate Resolution No. 4189

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMENDING Glenn Davis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 22, 2018

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Glenn Davis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the

State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Davis was born and raised in Wallace, New York, where his parents ran the local hardware store; after graduating from Avoca High School, he began a long and distinguished career as a sales engineer for Mercury Corporation; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Davis truly believes in the benefits of volunteerism, and has proudly passed his firm convictions onto his children, who have all devoted their life to servitude; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Glenn Davis served on the Avoca Village board for two decades; during this time, he also held the title of Mayor for 13 years; In this capacity, he not only brought his expertise to every task, he brought his passion, enthusiasm and experience as well; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as public servant, Glenn Davis has been a vital member of the Avoca Fire and Ambulance Department for 50 years; for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community, he was recognized as a Real Hometown Hero by the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Glenn Davis established The Ramp Guys; for the last six years, he and a group of hard-working volunteers have traveled throughout Steuben County designing and building ramps for older adults

and people with disabilities free of charge; in 2017, The Ramp Guys spent 1,800 hours building 40 ramps valued at more than \$29,000, with

over half of the material used being donated; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man is a faithful member of the Avoca United Methodist Church, and the Order of the Freemasons, where he held several leadership positions and worked on various fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Glenn Davis has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 33 years, Linda, their four children, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Glenn Davis has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Davis, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Glenn Davis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Glenn Davis.

