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Senate Resolution No. 5495

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Louis Tehan upon the occasion of stepping down after 39 years of distinguished service to Upstate Cerebral Palsy on May 1, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is greatly enriched by the faithful and diligent work of those individuals and organizations which serve to meet the special needs of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Louis Tehan upon the occasion of stepping down after 39 years of distinguished service to Upstate Cerebral Palsy on Tuesday, May 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Not one to sit idle, Louis Tehan then assumed the title of CEO of Upstate Caring Partners, the parent company of Upstate Cerebral Palsy; in 2019, this compassionate and hard-working man plans to work part-time; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Louis Tehan began his long and distinguished career with Upstate Cerebral Palsy as Executive Director; the organization provided early intervention services and preschool for

children with cerebral palsy in the basement of Kernan Elementary School in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Louis Tehan truly believed and instilled in his staff that everyone has a right to what you and I have, and stay focused on each individual, one at a time; and

WHEREAS, Under Louis Tehan's luminous leadership, Upstate Cerebral Palsy always found creative ways to meet the varied needs of its clients, ensuring they were always treated like the President's kid; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings in a basement, Upstate Cerebral Palsy and its affiliates now own more than 80 buildings and employs 3,000 people in several counties; it offers preschool and early intervention services for all children and it has expanded into services such as residential school, equine therapy, art classes, jobs for people with disabilities and mental health counseling; and

WHEREAS, For the past 39 years, Louis Tehan rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Upstate Cerebral Palsy; he has truly left a lasting impression on the organization, inspiring his successors to follow his sterling example; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President and CEO, Louis Tehan served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Louis Tehan was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Upstate Cerebral Palsy, Louis Tehan earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Louis Tehan upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to Upstate Cerebral Palsy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louis Tehan.