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Senate Resolution No. 351

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Robert Chaloner upon the occasion of his designation as Person of the Year by The Southampton Press Eastern Edition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert Chaloner upon the occasion of his designation as Person of the Year by The Southampton Press Eastern Edition; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Robert Chaloner, Chief Administrative Officer at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Robert Chaloner joined Southampton Hospital in 2006, prior to its affiliation with Stony Brook University Hospital; he grew up in the small upstate town of Coxsackie, New York, where his father, a doctor, and his mother, a nurse, both held key positions at nearby

Greene County Memorial Hospital in Catskill; and

WHEREAS, Before moving to Southampton, Robert Chaloner lived in New York City with his husband, Oscar; during this time he served as the Chief Administrator at Cabrini Medical Center on 19th Street in Manhattan, a small hospital with the odds stacked against it, but it was a job he loved; and

WHEREAS, As someone who spent much of his long and distinguished career working for small, community hospitals, many of which struggled financially for their very survival, Robert Chaloner knew it was the people who would carry him through any crisis, including the hospital's difficulty in recruiting staff due to the East End's high cost of living; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Robert Chaloner has been a vital component in the successful buildup of the Meeting House Lane practice, as well as in the establishment of a medical residency program which continues to generate local doctors who wanted to stay in the community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Chaloner was also instrumental in the physical upgrade of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's facility and the increase in the availability of local diagnostic services; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, under the able leadership of this extraordinary man, Southampton's affiliation with Stony Brook University Hospital, which began in 2008, became official with the completed merger of the facilities in 2017; and

WHEREAS, For the past 15 years, Robert Chaloner has rendered

faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, truly earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Robert Chaloner over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Robert Chaloner upon the occasion of his designation as Person of the Year by The Southampton Press Eastern Edition, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Chaloner.