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Senate Resolution No. 1544

BY: Senator ORTT

COMMENDING former Senator John J. Bonacic for his illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to public service and the pursuit of excellence in the conduct of the legislative process in this noble Empire State; John J. Bonacic is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend former Senator John J. Bonacic for his illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving the State of New York, John J. Bonacic was elected as the Assistant District Attorney in Orange County and to the Town of Mount Hope Planning Board; from 1973 to 1989, he was also an Orange County Legislator; and

WHEREAS, Senator John J. Bonacic then represented the Middletown-area residents of the 42nd Senate District from 1998 until 2018; he first served as a New York State Assemblyman for eight years,

beginning in 1990; and

WHEREAS, As a New York State Senator, John J. Bonacic's priorities included healthcare, property tax relief, and housing; he served as the Deputy Republican Conference Leader for state/federal relations and formerly served as Deputy Republican Whip; furthermore, he fought to keep hospitals open, successfully negotiating to keep two open within his district; and

WHEREAS, Senator John J. Bonacic was named Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and was responsible for the oversight of the Governor's Judicial Nominations (2011); and

WHEREAS, John J. Bonacic resides in Mount Hope, New York, with his wife, Pat, and together they are the proud parents of two children and the loving grandparents of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Every citizen in New York State has most certainly benefited, in one way or another, from the deep dedication, intelligence and commitment former Senator John J. Bonacic brought to his work as a legislator, loyal friend, and trusted advisor; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to reflect upon those outstanding individuals who have made everlasting contributions on behalf of their fellow man and have truly left their mark on this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and applaud the many accomplishments of former Senator John J. Bonacic, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to former New York State Senator John J. Bonacic.