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Senate Resolution No. 1545

BY: Senator ORTT

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

WHEREAS, Senator John A. DeFrancisco represented the Syracuse-area residents of the 50th Senate District from 1993 until 2018; and

WHEREAS, A renowned public servant, Senator John A. DeFrancisco held numerous positions including Deputy Majority Leader and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator John A. DeFrancisco advocated for reforming the

nomination process of Justices in New York, and helped create the Upstate Cord Blood Bank located in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Senator John A. DeFrancisco was the sponsor of legislation, which was signed into law in 2018, creating the nation's first prosecutorial conduct commission; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Senator John A. DeFrancisco sponsored legislation that delivered the Amber Alert System and the Gold Alert System in 2011, as well as Vince's Law which was established to help keep persistent drunk drivers off public roads; and

WHEREAS, John A. DeFrancisco resides in DeWitt, New York, with his wife, Linda, and together they are the proud parents of three children and the loving grandparents of eight 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 A. DeFrancisco 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 A.

DeFrancisco, 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 A. DeFrancisco.