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Senate Resolution No. 1548

BY: Senator ORTT

COMMENDING former Senator Elizabeth O'Connor Little for her 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; Elizabeth O'Connor Little 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 Elizabeth O'Connor Little for her illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Senator Elizabeth "Betty" Little was elected in 2002 to represent the Adirondack/North Country residents of the 45th Senate District, where she served with honor and distinction from 2003 through 2020; and

WHEREAS, The longest serving female Republican Senator in the history of New York State, Senator Elizabeth O'Connor Little has had many legislative accomplishments, including the passage and voter

approval of five State Constitutional Amendments which she sponsored to enhance the quality of life for her constituents; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Senator Elizabeth O'Connor Little Chaired both the Senate Local Government Committee, the Tourism Committee and the Housing Committee for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth O'Connor Little's many years of public service have been defined by a practical, straightforward and hands-on style; she began as a member and later Chair of the Town of Queensbury Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Elizabeth O'Connor Little was elected to serve as an At-Large Supervisor to the Warren County Board of Supervisors for the Town of Queensbury, where she served on numerous boards and committees and as County Budget Officer in 1990 and 1991; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Elizabeth O'Connor Little won a special election to serve in the New York State Assembly, and would serve as an Assemblywoman until winning election to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to our Nation's veterans, Senator Elizabeth O'Connor Little proudly sponsored Patriot Plans I and II to expand the services and benefits available to servicemen and women and their families; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth O'Connor Little resides in Queensberry, New York, and is the proud mother of six children and the loving grandmother of 18 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 Elizabeth O'Connor Little brought to her 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 Elizabeth O'Connor Little, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to former New York State Senator Elizabeth O'Connor Little.