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Senate Resolution No. 1748

BY: Senator RATH

HONORING Robert A. Geiger upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on March 3, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert Allyn Geiger upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 49th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Samuel's Grande Manor in Clarence, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Geiger is receiving this prestigious award for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his beloved community of Clarence; and

WHEREAS, Robert Allyn Geiger was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, where he attended Kensington High School; after graduating, he earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Traffic and Transportation at the University at

Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, A co-founder of the Air Command Squadron ROTC, Robert A. Geiger proudly served his country as a member of the 98th Regiment in the United States Army Reserves at Fort Dix in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Clarence, where he has lived for over 60 years, Robert A. Geiger quickly became a vital part of his new community serving in numerous capacities; he was a member of the Clarence Town Zoning Board of Appeals and Recreation Advisory Board, President of both the Clarence Rotary Club and Clarence Rotary Foundation, and a charter member of Clarence Toastmasters; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man is also involved in the Taste of Clarence, Clarence Hollow Association and Clarence Farmers Market activities, as well as the Clarence Chamber of Commerce where he has held various roles; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Geiger has also served as a mentor to the young people of Clarence; he was a co-founder of Academy of Finance at Clarence High School, has been a seven-year guest participant at Clarence High School's New Generations, was an Eagle Scout Advisor for Troops 664 and 250 and took part in many explorer adventures; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Robert A. Geiger is a parishioner at Nativity of BVM and is a Councilman on the Clarence Town Board; in this capacity, he serves as the liaison to groups such as the Clarence Senior Center, Clarence Historical Society and Animal Control; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 61 years, Pat; two sons, Tom and Tim; one daughter, Sherry, and eight beloved

grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert A. Geiger upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

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