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Senate Resolution No. 2378

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING former Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2022 Liberty Bell Award by the Franklin County Bar Association on May 6, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor former Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2022 Liberty Bell Award by the Franklin County Bar Association to be celebrated at its Annual Law Day Dinner on Friday, May 6, 2022, at the Hotel Saranac in Saranac Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell Award, given each year by local bar associations, honors exemplary citizens within the local community; the award recognizes outstanding service performed by a non-lawyer citizen, who volunteers their time and efforts to serve the community; Elizabeth O'C. Little is truly deserving of this prestigious accolade; and

WHEREAS, Such service may include activities which promote a better understanding of America's form of government, stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; and

WHEREAS, Senator Elizabeth O'C. "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'C. 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'C. Little chaired the Senate Local Government Committee, the Tourism Committee and the Housing Committee for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth O'C. 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'C. 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'C. 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'C. Little proudly sponsored Patriot Plans I and II to expand the services and benefits available to service men and women and their families; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth O'C. Little resides in Queensbury, New York, and is the proud mother of six children and the loving grandmother of 18 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Elizabeth O'C. Little has

displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 former Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2022 Liberty Bell Award by the Franklin County Bar Association on May 6, 2022; and be it further

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