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Senate Resolution No. 2526

BY: Senator KENNEDY

CONGRATULATING Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker upon the occasion of her retirement after 17 years of distinguished service to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker upon the occasion of her retirement after 17 years of distinguished service to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, A naturalized United States citizen and a native of Cuba, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Canisius College and Master of Arts degree in education from the State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker began her long and distinguished career as both President and Chief Executive Officer for the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, this innovative and visionary leader has created positive long-term change in her community and beyond; for more

than 100 years, the Community Foundation has worked with individuals, families, foundations and organizations, such as Say Yes Buffalo, Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable and the WNY Impact Investment Fund, to steward their charitable assets; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the luminous leadership of Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, the Community Foundation has grown to more than \$850 million and its clients recognize it as a powerful, trusted vehicle to make the most of their generosity; and

WHEREAS, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker is the immediate past chair of the Foundation Center, which recently merged with Guidestar to form Candid, the premier source for global social sector information; she is also a member of the Boards of Directors of FSG, Executives' Alliance to Expand Opportunities for Boys and Young Men of Color, and the Global Fund for Community Foundations; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her civic sector expertise, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker was appointed to the White House Council on Service and Civic Participation and named co-chair of the United States Committee of the United Nations International Year of the Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker speaks frequently about the role of philanthropy, community impact and nonprofit governance around the world; she presented at the United States Partnership on Mobility from Poverty Summit supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Washington, D.C. and the Asia Forum on Philanthropy for Better Cities in Hong Kong; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to her profession and the global social sector, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker

has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Governor's Award for Service, the President's Award for Service and The Buffalo News Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker was honored by the Points of Light Foundation and named the 2018 Buffalo Niagara Executive of the Year by the University at Buffalo School of Management; she also received the Dean's Service Award from the State University of New York at Buffalo Graduate School of Education and the Canisius College Distinguished Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, For the past 17 years, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; as President and Chief Executive Officer, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; 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

congratulate Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker upon the occasion of her retirement after 17 years of distinguished service to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 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 Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker.