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Senate Resolution No. 448

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote them- selves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary to be celebrated on March 24th, 2023, at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association, Inc. has served the interests of the people of the Empire State by providing a base for minority law enforcement officers to address their needs, the needs of minority communities, and to have minority representation in all ranks of law enforcement for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, All active members are expected to be productive in their departments, role models in their communities, and to work to enhance conditions of all law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, The Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association, Inc. provides scholarships and mentoring to minority youth, they arrange food, clothing, book, and toy drives to assist seniors, local day care centers, health facilities, community centers, and disadvantaged families in Westchester and Rockland Counties; and

WHEREAS, Members of this organization engage in various community forums, focusing on topics such as health and wellness, domestic violence, and public safety awareness; they also strongly encourage recruitment, hiring, and promotions of minorities in the field of Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The Guardians initiated creative ways to improve relationships within law enforcement agencies, between the various ethnic and racial groups of agency personnel, as well as the relationships between members of law enforcement agencies and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association, Inc., and its members who are all volunteers, work tirelessly to enrich lives, improve community-police relationships, and promote equity and fairness in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order, the protection of others, and work toward the promotion of equality, are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association, Inc. upon the occasion of celebrating its 60th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ret. Det. Sgt. Paul S. Hood, President, Westchester-Rockland Guardians Association, Inc.