

2015-J4840

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Morrell upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Morrell upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Albany was founded in 1952 to serve the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in the greater Albany area; since its inception, the agency has focused its mission on enhancing quality of life and fostering independence for seniors in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Third Age Achievement Awards are designed to pay tribute to members of the Capital Region who have made significant contributions to our communities in their "third age"; the award seeks to dispel the myth that getting older always means slowing down and highlights the activities, achievements and creativity of individuals over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The 60-plus stage of life can be a time full of opportunities

to enrich our communities, pursue dreams, and provide leadership; the Third Age Achievement Awards honor individuals who have excelled in all of these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, James Morrell grew up in the Capital Region, graduating from Colonie Central School District and attending Siena College where he earned a degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man is best known for his family-owned broadcasting company, Albany Broadcasting, which he founded in 1986; currently, Albany Broadcasting has 22 stations in four markets throughout Albany, Glens Falls, Westchester and Rutland, Vermont; and

WHEREAS, In addition, James Morrell co-owns the Destination Kia dealership in Albany with his eldest son, and owns and manages the Holiday Inn in Latham; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, James Morrell provides community support to the greater Capital Region by serving on the board of the Altamont House, a program offered by Peter Young Industries which focuses on offering substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 43 years, Kathy, and their four children, as well as four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which James Morrell has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Morrell upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Morrell.