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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Kearney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Kearney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, John Kearney was the first member of the Boys and Girls Club of Albany's Delaware Avenue location; he is currently a board member, and serves on the organization's governance committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition, when the organization experienced significant

challenges, John Kearney was instrumental in raising the resources to keep the club going; and

WHEREAS, A former chair of United Way of the Greater Capital Region's Board of Directors, John Kearney continues to serve on United Way's Board and is a member of the governance, finance, and resource development committees; and

WHEREAS, Born in Albany, New York, John Kearney was raised in Albany's South End and graduated from Cardinal McCloskey High School; he spent his illustrious career as the Business Agent of Teamsters Local 294, from which he retired in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Today, John Kearney continues to reside in Albany with his wife Linda; he enjoys spending time with his daughter and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, John Kearney has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, John Kearney, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Kearney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Kearney.