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Senate Resolution No. 1671

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Habitat for Humanity Buffalo upon the occasion of building its 300th house

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations and individuals 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 organizations 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 commend Habitat for Humanity Buffalo upon the occasion of building its 300th house to be celebrated at a Ceremony on Monday, April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, Habitat for Humanity's founder, Ron Talboys and Executive Director, Teresa Bianchi will dedicate the home to its partner of 25 years, Valu Homes Center, who has contributed significant funds to numerous projects; and

WHEREAS, As one of 1,500 affiliates of Habitat for Humanity

International, Habitat for Humanity Buffalo is a nonprofit organization working to bring generous donors and hardworking volunteers together with qualified, working families; the result of their tireless efforts are dramatic, positive differences in the lives of family members and in neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity was formed around five core principles: demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, focus on shelter, advocate for affordable housing, promote dignity and hope, and support sustainable and transformational development; this illustrious organization strives to ensure everyone in the world has a decent place to live; and

WHEREAS, Partnering with people in the community, Habitat for Humanity Buffalo helps build houses on the East, West, North and South sides of Buffalo and the City of Lackawanna; and

WHEREAS, Through the generous support of volunteers, sponsors, and partners, Habitat for Humanity Homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which unselfishly devote their energy, talents and thoughtful care on behalf of improving the quality and dignity of life in the community, are worthy and due full praise and recognition for their noble and dedicated efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Habitat for Humanity Buffalo upon the occasion of building its 300th house; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be given to Teresa Bianchi, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Buffalo.