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Senate Resolution No. 1728

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Barbara McHale upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the You're An Angel Award by A Toast to Life

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Barbara McHale has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barbara McHale upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the You're An Angel Award by A Toast to Life at its Annual Gala on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the Franklin Plaza in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of SUNY Albany, Barbara McHale received her

nursing degree from Samaritan Hospital and held certifications as an Oncology Nurse, Certified Nurse, and Oncology Nurse Navigator; and

WHEREAS, Starting her illustrious career in 1977, Barbara has held various positions, specializing in oncology, breast cancer navigation and hospice; and

WHEREAS, A key contributor to Quality Assurance Program for patient care at Saratoga Hospital in 2005-2006, Barbara McHale also took on the role of Manager/Breast Navigator at the Women's Health Center for Northeast Health and, subsequently, nursing leadership roles with Northeast Health and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Barbara McHale was a researcher of patient navigation and survivorship, and presented on this topic at the local, regional and National level; and

WHEREAS, After holding clinical management positions at St. Mary's Hospital, Samaritan Hospital and Saratoga Hospital, Barbara McHale then held the title of Nurse Navigator of the Hildegard Medicus Cancer Center at St. Mary's Hospital and Hildegard Medicus Radiation Oncology at Samaritan Hospital, the position from which she officially retired from in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Barbara McHale has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Barbara McHale is an active member of the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, Leukemia Lymphoma Society, and Visions of Strength as well as the Nancy Clemente Cancer Fund; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to her community Barbara McHale was named a Power up the Pink Medical Professional and a 2013 WO-MEN Who Rock; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Barbara McHale 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 Barbara McHale has displayed throughout her 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 Barbara McHale upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the You're An Angel Award by A Toast to Life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barbara McHale.