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Senate Resolution No. 1730

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Sister Patricia Ann St. John upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by St. Joseph's Provincial House on May 13, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those skilled and dedicated individuals, who have inspired countless students to reach their academic and artistic goals through positive direction, and whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sister Patricia Ann St. John upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by St. Joseph's Provincial House, to be feted at an event on Saturday, May 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph's Provincial House will also celebrate the Carondelet Music Center for its 25 years of providing music lessons and appreciation to hundreds of children and adults in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, A native of Troy, New York, Sister Patricia Ann St. John has served as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet for the past 34

years; she earned her bachelor's degree from The College of Saint Rose, and her master's degree from Syracuse University; she furthered her education by obtaining her doctorate degree from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, A classically trained pianist, Sister Patricia Ann St. John has taught both music and piano lessons, and held the position of Music Director in parishes in the Syracuse and Albany areas as well as at the RPI Chapel and Cultural Center; she was also the Director of the Music for All Ages Program at The College of Saint Rose; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Sister Patricia Ann St. John founded the Carondelet Music Center, located at St. Joseph's Provincial House, in Latham, New York, to share the love of music through individual music lessons and group music classes to persons in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Center has been named a Maestro Program in Kindermusik, a designation which marks it as one of the top five percent of Kindermusik programs worldwide; through Sister Patricia Ann St. John's luminous leadership, the Carondelet Music Center has enriched the lives of literally thousands of individuals in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as Executive Director of Carondelet Music Center, Sister Patricia Ann St. John holds the title of Music Director at Mater Christi Parish in Albany, and an Adjunct Professor of music and music education at Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, This talented and beloved woman has been published in numerous books and journals, and has been the recipient of several professional grants and awards; she also served as an adjudicator for the New York State Music Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Sister Patricia Ann St. John was selected as Chair of the Early Childhood Music Education Commission, an international organization which promotes music in the lives of young children by providing a global forum for the exchange of ideas regarding the various ways in which children may participate in their own musical culture; currently, she is responsible for organizing the international seminar for 2018 which will take place in Israel; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sister Patricia Ann St. John upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by St. Joseph's Provincial House on May 13, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Patricia Ann St. John.