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Senate Resolution No. 1767

BY: Senator YOUNG

HONORING Candace Clemens for her outstanding community service by the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary No. 726, Jamestown, New York, on May 6, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commemorate and honor the significant contributions of time and talents through community and public service by certain esteemed residents of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Candace Clemens for her outstanding community service by the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary No. 726, Jamestown, New York, to be celebrated at a testimonial Dinner on Saturday, May 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Candace Clemens resides in Allegany, New York, with her husband, Bill; together, they have raised three children, daughters, Kristen Keenen, and Michelle Raulak, and one son, the late SSG Shawn Clemens; they have been further blessed with four grandchildren, Carly, Parker, Gavin, and Alexis; and

WHEREAS, Candace Clemens received her Master's degree in Education and retired in 2011, after being a teacher for more than 35 years; since then, she has worked as a substitute teacher, has been a member of both

Delta Kappa Gamma and the Cattaraugus/Allegany BOCES School Board; currently, she is the Chair for the Policy Committee, and serves as Vice President of the BOCES Board; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, presently Candace Clemens is serving as President of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of New York; volunteers at the Bath VAMC; is a VAVS Representative for AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary; and serves as Secretary of the VAVS Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Candace Clemens is a member of the Western New York Gold Star Mothers, helping with the Southern Tier Military Support Group; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 892; and 2nd Vice for AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 726 in Jamestown, where she is also a life member; and

WHEREAS, Candace Clemens is an exceptional individual who has demonstrated her endless passion to make life better, whether it be for a child, veteran, or anyone in the community; her theme this year as President is, "She is Woman, She is Strong, She is a Veteran," and her project is the Women Veterans Programs at the Bath VAMC; and

WHEREAS, Candace and Bill Clemens are clearly selfless individuals who give of their time, talent, and treasure to their community; they have given scholarships in the past in memory of their son, Shawn, and each year, Candace places a rose on the graves of all the veterans in their local cemetery; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize and honor those citizens of this great Empire State who work

so assiduously for the betterment of their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Candace Clemens for her outstanding community service by the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary No. 726, Jamestown, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Candace Clemens.