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Senate Resolution No. 1835

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

HONORING Edward R. Hammock, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. on June 2, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens 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 Edward R. Hammock, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc., to be recognized at its 40th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, June 2, 2017, at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Edward R. Hammock has spent more than 50 years involved in the criminal justice system; he began his illustrious career with the New York City Youth Board and worked in East Harlem with teen gangs in the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Serving in several capacities, Edward R. Hammock worked as a New York State probation officer and as the executive director of a

major drug treatment program; his foundation in prosecution was laid in the New York County District Attorney's office where he was assigned fresh out of law school to the Homicide Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Edward R. Hammock has served as deputy commissioner for the New York City Department of Investigation, as Special Assistance District Attorney for the Queens County District Attorney's office, and was assigned as a Special Assistant Attorney General for participation in the criminal investigation of the Attica Prison Riot of 1971; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man spent seven years as Chairman of the New York State Board of Parole and Chief Executive Officer of the New York State Division of Parole; he was a professor of law for 14 years at St. John's University School of Law, and has taught at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the College of New Rochelle; and

WHEREAS, For the past 27 years, Edward R. Hammock has been in the private practice of law specializing in criminal defense, post conviction advocacy, parole and work release advocacy and appeals, parole revocation hearings, inmate disciplinary matters, and pre-sentence consultation and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, In addition, with a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Edward R. Hammock was instrumental in the success of New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc.'s Stay'n Out Program; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who would devote their life's work and purpose to community service, contributing to the welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Edward R. Hammock, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by New York Therapeutic Communities, Inc. on June 2, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward R. Hammock.