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Senate Resolution No. 1878

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING the Huntington Hospital Auxiliary upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend those illustrious organizations within the State of New York whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Huntington Hospital Auxiliary upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary to celebrated at a reception on Sunday, May 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, In 1917, 130 local women formed a Woman's Auxiliary at Huntington Hospital, performing many seemingly small tasks designed to lighten the load for the hospital staff; over time, the name of the organization was changed to Volunteer Services, men and students joined the roster, and services have been expanded; however, the sense of dedication and purpose has remained the same; and

WHEREAS, Today, volunteers provide support and comfort to patients and family members in numerous areas within the hospital such as Information Desk, Concierge Services, Patient Transporter, Emergency Department Ambassadors, Surgical Liaison, various Nursing Units, Dolan

Family Health Center, Food and Nutrition, Pharmacy, Gift Shop, and Mail Service, as well as the Thrift Shop; and

WHEREAS, In addition, these vital caregivers greet patients with a warm smile and assist them when they are discharged from the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the hardworking members of the Huntington Hospital Auxiliary have raised more than seven million dollars for various programs and services which allow the hospital to continue to provide exemplary and compassionate care to its patients; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Huntington Hospital Auxiliary is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the Auxiliary and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Huntington Hospital Auxiliary upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary on May 28, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Huntington Hospital Auxiliary.