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Senate Resolution No. 1905

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING MaryKay Messenger upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Orange County Woman of Achievement

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those women of achievement within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor MaryKay Messenger upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Orange County Woman of Achievement by the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson and the YWCA Orange County to be recognized at its 25th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Newburgh, New York, MaryKay Messenger began singing at an early age at local Pop Warner games and in local churches, including as a member of the choir at St. Francis Church; and

WHEREAS, MaryKay Messenger performed as a civilian with the West Point Military Academy for 15 years before joining the United States Army in 1996, at the age of 29; she went through basic training and currently holds the esteemed rank of Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, From Trophy Point and Eisenhower Hall, MaryKay Messenger has now performed at some of the world's greatest stages, including Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall; she has also performed "God Bless America" and the National Anthem in Yankee Stadium with a World Series appearance on her resume; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, MaryKay Messenger has volunteered with several local veterans organizations including as a guardian during last fall's Honor Flight; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, David, and their two daughters, Emma and Grace, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes that New York State is the home to countless women who are strong and colorful threads, vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have contributed, and continue to add to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor MaryKay Messenger upon the occasion of being named a 2017 Orange County Woman of Achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to MaryKay Messenger.