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Senate Resolution No. 2029

BY: Senator LITTLE

HONORING Martha Bachman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 2017

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Martha Bachman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers' Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the

State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Pennsylvania, Martha Bachman graduated from Penn State in 1971, and started a pre-school for students with developmental disabilities; she went on to work for the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and has spent most of her life working with individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Martha Bachman founded a Kiwanis Aktion Club chapter in Saranac Lake for adults with disabilities; she is also an ombudsman for the North County Center for Independence; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, she volunteers for the JCEO, a community action agency, the Trinity Church, Special Olympics and League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Martha Bachman has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her late husband, Bill, their two children, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Martha Bachman has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Martha Bachman, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Martha Bachman upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Martha Bachman.