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Senate Resolution No. 2058

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Yvonne Mendleson 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 Yvonne Mendleson 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, Born in Minnesota and raised in California, Yvonne Mendleson is a graduate of Stanford University where she studied several languages including French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese; after marrying her husband, she moved to New York City, where she worked in the book publishing business, concentrating on juvenile books as well as the novel Peyton Place; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Yvonne Mendleson moved to Delmar, New York, to raise her three children; in 1978, she began working with Sterling Winthrop pharmaceuticals, from which she officially retired after 27 years of dedicated service; 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, Devoted to her community, Yvonne Mendleson volunteers at the Bethlehem Senior Services; with her excellent computer skills, she spends approximately 15 hours a week inputting data; she also assists with senior transportation, where she takes reservations and makes reminder calls to clients on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Yvonne Mendleson is a member of the Chadwick Square Park Association and the Board of Directors for Pop Warner; in addition, she is a volunteer at Glenmont Elementary and Bethlehem Middle Schools, the President of the Bethlehem Senior Citizens, and an educator through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs and the town's Parks and Recreation Department; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her three children and three 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 Yvonne Mendleson has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Mendleson, 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 Yvonne Mendleson 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 Yvonne Mendleson.