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Senate Resolution No. 2100

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING LeGrande Serras upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor LeGrande Serras upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 21st Annual Third Age Achievement Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 19, 2017, at Wolfert's Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions that area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives; LeGrande Serras will receive this award for his valuable achievements and devoted service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Third generation restaurant owner and serial restaurateur,

LeGrande Serras opened The Reel Seafood Co. in 1984; and

WHEREAS, His family's humble beginnings instilled in LeGrande the importance of giving back, and for four decades he has worked tirelessly to support the Capital Region's thriving arts community and the countless human services organizations whose work empowers the disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, LeGrande Serras has raised significant funds as an auctioneer at more than 1,200 charity auctions in the Albany area; and

WHEREAS, Since selling The Reel Seafood Co. to his daughter, Aliko, in 2013, LeGrande Serras has expanded his philanthropic efforts, speaking to the community and professional groups on the critical role independent businesses play in building a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, LeGrande Serras has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With his proven business leadership abilities and his evident dedication to his community, LeGrande Serras is the quintessential selection for this prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor LeGrande Serras upon the occasion of his designation as recipient

of the 2017 Third Age Achievement Award in Business by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to LeGrande Serras.