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Senate Resolution No. 2135

BY: Senator LITTLE

HONORING Sally Pelletier 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 Sally Pelletier 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, 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, For many years, Sally Pelletier and her family resided in New Hampshire, where she worked as a hospital and medical switch board operator; in addition, she graciously donated her time and energy for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, After relocating to New York, Sally Pelletier continued to be a caring and compassionate volunteer; she is always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone, whether it be helping with various luncheons, serving as a model for the senior center fashion shows, or participating in Christmas plays; and

WHEREAS, A positive and fun-loving woman, Sally Pelletier can always be counted on to do the little things which improve the quality of life in her community; she sends cards of encouragement, drives neighbors to appointments, visits friends in the hospital or nursing home, and house and/or pet sits for people while they are on vacation; and

WHEREAS, An active member of her church, Sally Pelletier works at the local food pantry, and graciously shares meals with those who are in need; and

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

WHEREAS, When she is not helping someone, Sally Pelletier enjoys

rooting for her granddaughters' field hockey teams; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her son, and her two grandchildren, all of whom have 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 Sally Pelletier has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Sally Pelletier, 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 Sally Pelletier 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 Sally Pelletier.