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Senate Resolution No. 2185

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Troy
Flag Day Parade on June 11, 2017

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders proudly resonates with the rich and noble history of New York State and this Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Troy Flag Day Parade on Sunday, June 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Flag Day Parade was established in early 1967, during which time protests against the Vietnam War were taking place across the nation; several of the protestors were burning the American Flag at their rallies, infuriating many Americans and none so more than our veterans; and

WHEREAS, In Troy, New York, former United States Marine, James

"Jimmy" Pasinella, a postal carrier, had enough of the destruction of the Flag and with the support of his fellow postal workers and various civic organizations, organized a parade on Troy's main thoroughfare known as Fourth Street; and

WHEREAS, This inaugural event included Troy's famous Doring's Marching Band along with 75 to 100 marchers holding and waving American Flags; and

WHEREAS, Through the years the parade has had many different looks, routes, and positive changes benefiting marchers, spectators, and municipal workers for ease of operations in conducting such a large event; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Troy Flag Day Parade has always taken place on the Sunday of, or the Sunday before Flag Day on June 14th; and

WHEREAS, For the past five decades, the Troy Flag Day Parade has consisted of numerous veteran organizations, military complements, civic groups, police officers, firefighters, sheriffs, Boy and Girl Scout troops, athletic groups, television and radio stations, high school contingents, and many others; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the parade has been known to host some of the greatest marching, and drum corps bands throughout the Northeast and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Troy Flag Day Parade has been touted as the nation's largest Flag Day celebration, attracting 50,000 spectators along its parade route; and

WHEREAS, The treasured values of families united and wholesome entertainment for all ages reflected in this event help to foster community spirit and cooperation, as well as preserve the beliefs, ideals and values for which our forefathers declared the independence of these United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Troy Flag Day Parade on June 11, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jerry Weaver, President, Troy Flag Day Parade Committee.