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Senate Resolution No. 2377

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Joan Meister upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 14, 2017

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Joan Meister has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joan Meister upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala, "A Taste of Mercy," on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Shaker Ridge Country Club in Loudonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Circles of Mercy, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community by working to end the cycle of poverty, especially among women and women with children; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization honors the dignity of each person

by offering hospitality and providing services, compassion, stewardship, leadership and collaboration, which are performed in an effort to instill hope and empower individuals to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, A volunteer at Catherine's Closet - Circle of Mercy since 2004, Joan Meister is considered one of the senior volunteers on its staff; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Joan Meister is part of the Communion Ministry to Hawthorne Ridge and taught religious education for 10 years; in addition, she completed the two year Formation for Ministry Program (FMP) training; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her four children, 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

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

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joan Meister upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award by Circles of Mercy on June 14, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joan Meister.