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Senate Resolution No. 2474

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Janet Schroeder 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 Janet Schroeder 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, A native New Yorker, Janet Schroeder has lived on her family farm in Lindley for most of her life; she and her husband raised their two sons in this rural setting, giving them an opportunity to learn a wide array of skills; unfortunately in 2007, her husband passed away; and

WHEREAS, For 36 years, Janet Schroeder worked in the information technology department at Corning Incorporated; in 2002, she retired as a senior project leader for its International Division; 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, As the Director of Pantry of Angels, Janet Schroeder has made an incredible difference in her community; after learning the demographics of her region, she overhauled the recruitment of its Board of Directors, separating operations from governance; she then created a marketing campaign to increase community awareness of the Pantry's noble mission; and

WHEREAS, Janet Schroeder collaborates with action groups and other agencies to provide a forum for sharing, learning and working together to help the hungry; in 2011, the Pantry of Angels served an average of 30 households per week; under Janet's luminous leadership, that number has grown to 67; and

WHEREAS, Janet Schroeder truly believes that every person should be treated with dignity, fairness, and caring; a community is only as strong as its most vulnerable resident; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Janet Schroeder 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 Janet Schroeder has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Janet Schroeder, 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 Janet Schroeder 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 Janet Schroeder.