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Senate Resolution No. 2477

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Wendy Wirth 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 Wendy Wirth 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, Raised in Oceanside, New York, Wendy Wirth earned her associate's degree in biology from Nassau Community College; in 1975, Wendy and her husband, Bob, settled in Tyrone, New York; after their daughters were born, the family moved to Burdett, New York; and

WHEREAS, For 30 years, Wendy Wirth was employed at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; for 19 years, she served as a laboratory technician before transitioning to the role of both administrative assistant and undergraduate program assistant for the Plant Sciences Program, the position from which she officially retired from; and

WHEREAS, In her much deserved retirement, Wendy Wirth works at Wirth Management, a housing business she and her husband own and operate; she has also donated countless hours toward the betterment of her community; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Wirth has mentored young children and teenage girls through Girl Scouts of America, and has served as a court appointed special advocate; she provides classes on health and wellness to the community, and raises awareness of hunger prevention through several food distribution programs including the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program, the Schuyler County Office for Aging, the Reynoldsville Food

Pantry, the Schuyler County Summer Food Program, and the Schuyler County Hunger Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, Wendy Wirth has been serving as a bus buddy for the Schuyler County Transit Link Line; in this capacity, she has been teaching older adults and others how to effortlessly use the bus system; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman also takes care of her elderly parents and aunt, allowing them to live at their home; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Bob, their two children, and four 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 Wendy Wirth has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Wirth, 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 Wendy Wirth 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 Wendy Wirth.

