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Senate Resolution No. 2479

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Robert Wirth upon the occasion of his 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 Robert Wirth upon the occasion of his 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 resident of Schuyler County for 41 years, Robert "Bob" Wirth currently resides in Burdett, New York, with his wife, Wendy; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wirth began his career as a clerk in the plumbing, heating, and electric department of a retail store; he then served as both a machinist and shop steward at a local crane and hoist company; his next position was as a service technician, followed by a service representative; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Bob Wirth decided to follow his dream of providing quality, affordable rental housing in Schuyler County by purchasing and renovating outdated and neglected houses, and subsequently, he and his wife founded Wirth Management; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his valuable work with Wirth Management, Bob Wirth has made a difference in the health and well-being of many Schuyler County residents through his participation in a variety of volunteer ventures; he has co-facilitated several programs such as Bone Builders and Strong for Life; and

WHEREAS, As an RSVP advisory council member, Bob Wirth helps determine what programming may have a positive effect on the aging population in the County; using his extensive knowledge of home repairs

and construction, he assists on various building projects with the Schuyler Housing Opportunity Council including winterizing homes, and

installing both ramps and walk-in showers; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wirth is a vital member of the Schuyler Outreach Council and the Schuyler County Hunger Task Force; he also volunteers with the Summer Food Program and at the Reynoldsville Food Pantry, which provides food and toiletries to those in need; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man regularly donates blood, and helps take care of his in-laws and his wife's aunt, allowing them to live at their home; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Wendy, their two children, and four grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Robert Wirth has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wirth, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his 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 Robert Wirth upon the occasion of his 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 Robert Wirth.