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Senate Resolution No. 2543

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMEMORATING the 25th Anniversary of the Rhulen  
Rock Hill Run and Ramble on June 17, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions and events; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble on Saturday, June 17, 2017, beginning at Frontier Insurance, Rock Hill, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble (R4) is held in memory of Walter A. Rhulen, a dedicated runner and local humanitarian; the event benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Trevor Loughlin Foundation, and other local organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America is a national not-for-profit voluntary health organization whose mission is to cure Leukemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma and Hodgkins Disease, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Leukemia research has proved to be the window of hope for all forms of cancer; in 1960 the cure rate for childhood Leukemia was 4%; today it is over 90%; and

WHEREAS, The Trevor Loughlin Foundation (TLF) benefits individuals battling blood cancer and other acute catastrophic illnesses; grants are issued to help patients and their families with medical and essential living expenses incurred while trying to get well; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the R4 raised substantial funds which benefited the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Trevor Loughlin Foundation, as well as Catskill Regional Medical Center, DKMS, and the United Way of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, grants were issued from the Trevor Loughlin Foundation to patients ages 2-62 battling Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia, Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma, Stage III Colon Cancer, Stage IV Carcinoma of the Larynx, Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer and Endometrial Cancer; and

WHEREAS, One of the largest footraces in the Hudson Valley, the Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble promotes a healthy lifestyle with a focus on fun, family and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble is in direct correlation to the efforts of its sponsors, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the event and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for

this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble on June 17, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America and the Trevor Loughlin Foundation.