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Senate Resolution No. 3135

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Margaret Overdorf upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Irish Woman of the Year Award by the Amherst Gaelic League

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals and organizations which foster ethnic pride and enhance the profile of cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Margaret Overdorf upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Irish Woman of the Year Award by the Amherst Gaelic League; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Overdorf, affectionately known as Peg, has selflessly dedicated more than 40 years of service to the Valley Community Association (VCA), an organization which serves the needs of the Buffalo River community through the provision of programs aimed at improving the social well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Since 1979, Peg Overdorf has been instrumental in VCA's acquisitions of properties developed to fit the needs of the community including, the Valley Child Care Center, after-school programs, academic and community centers, and nature trails and parklands; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the community, Peg Overdorf has implemented numerous neighborhood events such as the Rally in the Valley and the Old Neighborhood St. Patrick's Day Parade; most recently, she secured 17 grants to build the Buffalo River Fest Park and assisted with the construction of the Mutual Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, Peg Overdorf has been the proud recipient of countless awards and accolades some of which include: the Bishop Timon High School Community Service Award, Trocaire College McAuley Award, Goin' South Civic Pride Award, All America Cities Civic Empowerment Award, Greater South Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Green Key Award and the Leadership Buffalo Service Award; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Buffalo, New York, Peg Overdorf has personified the spirit of volunteerism, demonstrating a gift for leadership, a devotion to family, a commitment to her Irish heritage, and a determination to make her community a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Peg Overdorf, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Margaret Overdorf upon the occasion of her designation as Irish Woman of the Year by the Amherst Gaelic League; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Margaret Overdorf.