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Senate Resolution No. 3629

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Gary Schmidt upon the occasion of his induction into the Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gary Schmidt upon the occasion of his induction into the Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2017; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Friday, November 3, 2017, at the Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium in Monticello High School; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Monticello High School Class of 1966, Gary Schmidt is a vital and important part of his community; and

WHEREAS, Gary Schmidt holds the title of Chairman of Schmidt's Wholesale Inc., a plumbing, heating, electrical, waterworks and HVAC supply house in Monticello, New York, with branch locations in Newburgh, New York, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the wholesale industry and business community, Gary Schmidt has served on the Board of Directors and President of both New York State Plumbing and Heating Wholesalers and Wit & Company; he was also a member of the American Supply Association Board of Directors, and founding member of the Sullivan County A. Rhulen Award for Service to Business, Community and Humanity Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, A true leader and visionary, Gary Schmidt and a group of local business people established Community Bank of Sullivan County in 1990; today, it is known as Catskill Hudson Bank; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Gary Schmidt has been actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America; he is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow; he was also the recipient of the God and Country Award; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Gary Schmidt 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 Gary Schmidt has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend Gary Schmidt upon the occasion of his induction into the Monticello High School Hall of Distinction Class of 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary Schmidt.