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Senate Resolution No. 3735

BY: Senator SEWARD

COMMENDING Mary Lou Garrett upon the occasion of being named the 2017 Times Journal Star

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Garrett has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Mary Lou Garrett upon the occasion of being named the 2017 Times Journal Star; and

WHEREAS, Born to Dr. Wilhelm and Catherine Moser, Mary Lou Garrett is a resident of Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Garrett is the epitome of Schoharie County caring, whether it is the two-legged or four-legged variety, she is always willing to lend a helping hand; she has been an active volunteer for the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley, Cobleskill Regional Hospital Auxiliary, Hospice, Schoharie County ARC, and the Schoharie County Jail; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Garrett 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, An animal lover, this remarkable woman has served the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley since its humble beginnings; she has held numerous leadership positions including president, treasurer and secretary; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Garrett is also an active volunteer with the Hospital Auxiliary, serving in numerous capacities such as delivering fresh flowers, baking cookies, working in the coffee shop, and organizing the hospital's six Red Cross Blood Drives; this incredibly caring woman logs 1,000 or more service hours annually; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Mary Lou Garrett has served as a Hospice volunteer for 20 years, and has been a member of the Schoharie County ARC Board of Directors, where she later worked for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, A truly compassionate woman, Mary Lou Garrett has also worked as a librarian and bail bondsman at the Schoharie County Jail, and helped inmates compose letters; and

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

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her partner, Todd Smith, who has shown her love and support and rejoices in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an

individual for the benefit of others which Mary Lou Garrett has displayed throughout her 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 Mary Lou Garrett upon the occasion of being named the 2017 Times Journal Star; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Lou Garrett.