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Senate Resolution No. 3796

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Joan Stovroff upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award by the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joan Stovroff upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award by the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, Joan Stovroff of Stovroff & Taylor Real Estate is a resident of Tonawanda, New York, and has been a Realtor for more than 55 years; and

WHEREAS, Joan Stovroff received the Realtor of the Year Award for her outstanding business accomplishments, civic activity, association participation, and Realtor spirit; and

WHEREAS, Recipients of this auspicious honor go beyond selling houses to promoting and personifying the principles of good real estate practice, community involvement and ethical conduct; Joan Stovroff is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Sixty years ago, Stovroff & Herman opened its doors, and, in addition to selling homes, began to foster the careers of local industry professionals; and

WHEREAS, By the 1980s, the firm, which was co-owned by Joan Stovroff and her late husband, Morton, became the number one real estate firm in the region; at that time, it was almost unheard of to have a woman at the helm of a business, but Joan was never a slave to tradition, barriers or misogyny; and

WHEREAS, Joan Stovroff has made many contributions to the real estate industry and is described as working tirelessly for the Realtor Association, serving on numerous committees; being fluent in Professional Standards; and receiving her Realtor Emeritus Designation in 2010; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman's business success and community involvement resulted in numerous accolades including the 1992 Woman of the Year, and the 2008 Business First Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joan Stovroff combined travel, a great passion of hers, with business and Stovroff & Taylor Travel was recognized with the Peak of Excellence Award, a distinction among

business leaders, innovators and passionate individuals within the industry; and

WHEREAS, The success of Stovroff & Taylor Real Estate is in direct correlation to the efforts of Joan Stovroff, 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 organization and the community it serves; 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 Joan Stovroff, 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; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joan Stovroff upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award by the Buffalo Niagara Association of Realtors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joan Stovroff.