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Senate Resolution No. 3854

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Ira and Ruby Gold upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York, and whose purposeful endeavors as involved members of the community serve to enhance the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ira and Ruby Gold upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; this auspicious occasion was celebrated at its 26th Annual Pride Awards Gala on November 16, 2017, at The Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to bringing together the business and professional interests of Sullivan County, helping them to accomplish collectively what none could do individually; the organization is focused on the growth and retention of

its member businesses, serving as a point of contact and center of information, facilitation and exchange; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce recognizes certain individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the local economy, to the goals of the Chamber, and to the quality of life in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Truly renowned throughout their community, the Gold family has operated the Sullivan Fire Protection Corporation headquarters in South Fallsburg since the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Ira Gold, who was born and raised in South Fallsburg, met his wife Ruby, who is originally from Cheverly, Maryland, when he walked into a hair salon in Middletown in 1985; married for 33 years, the couple raised two wonderful children, Adam and Ilana; and

WHEREAS, Ira Gold has been the proud owner of Sullivan Sprinkler Company, a strong and viable business in Sullivan County, since taking over the company his father started in the 1950s; Ruby Gold, with her strong will and vigor, has truly become the heart of the enterprise; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community, Ruby Gold started Fallsburg Bloom, a precursor to the Sullivan Renaissance designed to beautify the town; in addition, she was also instrumental in the establishment of a soup and sandwich program that runs from January to April, and serves 10 churches throughout Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of their community service, a period of constructive involvement, Ira and Ruby Gold have 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 this remarkable couple has displayed throughout their lives; 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 honor Ira and Ruby Gold upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ira and Ruby Gold.