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Senate Resolution No. 4236

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Cheryl Chamberlain upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island

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 Cheryl Chamberlain upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to countless women, strong and colorful threads vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have and continue to contribute to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; and

WHEREAS, The Zonta Club, an international organization of professional women who work to advance the status of women through service and advocacy, sets aside March 8th of each year as Yellow Rose Day, to honor the accomplishments of women worldwide; the Zonta Club of

Grand Island takes this opportunity to honor women whose courage, determination and dedication have made a difference in the lives of others within the community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Cheryl Chamberlain has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Chamberlain has been teaching within the Grand Island Central School District since 2000, when she and her husband moved back to where he grew up to raise their daughters; and

WHEREAS, After receiving an associate's degree in applied science in retail business management at Niagara County Community College, Cheryl Chamberlain went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business and distributive education from Buffalo State College in 1992, and a master's degree in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Chamberlain began her illustrious career in Grand Island as a substitute teacher before working as a teaching assistant for four years; in 2006, she took on a permanent position as a business teacher and school-to-work coordinator, where she built the DECA business club from six members in 2006 to over 160 members today; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she has been instrumental in re-establishing the school store, renaming it Casey's Corner, after her friend the late George Casey, who was a member of the school board; the success of the store spurred the opening of a new concessions stand, Casey's Counter,

which gives back to the students through scholarships and funding of programs; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Gregory, and their two daughters, Brooke and Sarah, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Cheryl Chamberlain has displayed throughout her life; 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 Cheryl Chamberlain, 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 Cheryl Chamberlain upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cheryl Chamberlain.