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Senate Resolution No. 4248

BY: Senator SEWARD

HONORING Marjorie S. Becker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce on March 23, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals that are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Marjorie S. Becker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Friday, March 23, 2018, in Bouck Hall, at SUNY Cobleskill College, Cobleskill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce's annual business awards recognize individuals who have been successful in providing quality products and services to clients and customers, and who have consistently treated their business associates in a fair and respectable manner; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie Silliman Rose was born to Edmund Scott and Florence Pindar Rose on August 10, 1922; her innovative father established the Rose Telephone Company in Hobart, New York; shortly after Marjorie's birth, the family sold their company, and moved to Middleburgh, New York, where her father went to work for the 25-year old Middleburgh Telephone Company (MIDTEL); and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 14, Marjorie "Marge" S. Rose started working part-time at MIDTEL; during her college years at Keuka College, she continued to work at the company serving as an operator, truck driver, telephone operator, and administrator; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Marjorie S. Rose was employed by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Rochester, New York, and obtained her insurance license; she then moved back to Middleburgh to establish her insurance career; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Marjorie S. Rose married the late Randy Becker; together, the couple raised four sons, and were the loving grandparents of five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie S. Becker furthered her education by earning her master's degree in education; for 15 years, she was a teacher at Duanesburg Central School; she also worked nights and weekends at the MIDTEL until joining the business full-time in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Under the Becker's luminous leadership, MIDTEL strived to keep up with the times and technology, in order to offer their customers

the very best service; today, Marjorie S. Becker still holds the title of CEO and works more than 40 hours per week; she enjoys teaching her three grandsons, Jim, Jason and Keith, the ins and outs of the family

business as they proudly carry on the family tradition as the 5th generation in the telecom industry; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with MIDTEL, Marjorie S. Becker is a devoted member of her community; she has graciously supported numerous worthy causes and organizations in Schoharie County; and

WHEREAS, Marjorie S. Becker is truly an asset to the Village of Middleburgh; a humble woman, she is always ready to lend a helping hand and greets every one with a warm smile and a kind word; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Marge Becker upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marge Becker.