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Senate Resolution No. 4437

BY: Senator HAMILTON

COMMEMORATING the celebration of Father's Day,
Sunday, June 17, 2018, in honor and recognition of
all fathers throughout the State of New York

WHEREAS, Father's Day is a day selected to celebrate "Dad"; it is
the one day out of the year to praise and pay tribute to fathers, and
all other men who have taken on that role and acted as a father figure
in the children's lives, including those being raised in a single parent
home, whether it be an uncle, stepfather, grandfather, friend or Big
Brother; and

WHEREAS, These outstanding men show great strength and selflessness,
as well as spend countless hours offering their love, support and
guidance to the children in their lives, acting as role models and
inspiring them to develop to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington, initiated the idea of
Father's Day in 1909, in honor of her father William Smart, a widowed
Civil War veteran and father of six; her father was born in the month of
June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration on the
19th of June, 1910; and

WHEREAS, In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a
National Father's Day; then in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a

presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute and commend these men who are worthy of full recognition for their valued contributions and who should be celebrated by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the celebration of Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018, in honor and recognition of all the fathers of the State of New York.