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Senate Resolution No. 4761

BY: Senator HANNON

COMMEMORATING the 70th Anniversary of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County to be celebrated on May 4, 2018

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals and organizations it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, to be celebrated on Friday, May 4, 2018, in Roosevelt, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County is a not-for-profit health agency serving over 1,800 children and adults with cerebral palsy, developmental and other disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization had its beginnings in 1945, when what was then known as the Spastic Paralysis Society of Long Island

hosted a meeting at Lynbrook High School; in attendance was a small group of parents of children with cerebral palsy, a condition of which little was known at this time; and

WHEREAS, Together, the families rented space, hired a teacher and a physician, and began a program which would ultimately receive international recognition for its innovative and outstanding services; and

WHEREAS, The Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County was officially incorporated on April 19, 1948, and four years later, thanks to many generous contributors and volunteers, its building was opened as the first comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation center for people with cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County's complex now sits on more than 14 acres; several wings were added to the original building including an adapted swimming pool and an adapted outdoor recreation area; and

WHEREAS, The current campus also includes The Lindner Pavilion, which offers extensive medical, dental and other outpatient services; an adult day treatment center, an inclusive day care center and a respite house; and

WHEREAS, Off campus, an intermediate care facility, a skilled nursing facility and many residences in the community form the expanding network of supports designed to foster maximum independence and productivity for each individual in the agency's care; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 70-year history, the Cerebral Palsy

Association of Nassau County has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff and volunteers, 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, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized 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 70th Anniversary of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County to be celebrated on May 4, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County.