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Senate Resolution No. 4840

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Nan Lanahan upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Bethlehem's Department of Parks and Recreation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble 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 Nan Lanahan upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Bethlehem's Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, After three decades of service with the Town of Bethlehem's Department of Parks and Recreation, more than half as its Administrator, Nan Lanahan has retired; and

WHEREAS, Nan Lanahan began working for the Town of Bethlehem in 1988; under her able leadership, the number of parks has grown from six to eight, play areas have been improved, and new technologies have allowed residents to register for programs or reserve park space with greater ease; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Nan Lanahan served the Department of Parks and Recreation with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; and

WHEREAS, Nan Lanahan has truly laid the foundation for long term success with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, released in 2015, which provides a framework for what will be accomplished in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she was instrumental in the establishment of the Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation, a nonprofit group dedicated to improving recreational programming and access to the town's parks by raising funds, organizing volunteers and increasing awareness; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Nan Lanahan, the Town of Bethlehem's Department of Parks and Recreation now offers a variety of programs, some of which include yoga, tennis, softball, swimming and gardening for kids, as well as kayak and canoe rentals; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Department offers countless summer camps and weekly children's entertainment, biking events, and senior health and fitness day; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom she worked, Nan Lanahan will be remembered for her honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in her official acts; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate

blending of strength, leadership/intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Nan Lanahan over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nan Lanahan upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Bethlehem's Department of Parks and Recreation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nan Lanahan.