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Senate Resolution No. 4918

BY: Senator HANNON

HONORING Robert Kaliban upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Garden City Historical Society on May 3, 2018

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Robert Kaliban has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert Kaliban upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Garden City Historical Society, to be celebrated with a Gala on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at The Cherry Valley Club, Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, An outspoken and passionate Garden City champion and preservationist, Robert "Bob" Kaliban attended Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where an observant and perspicuous priest-professor changed his destiny by insisting he join the school theater group; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious college career, Robert Kaliban

appeared in every production from "Hamlet" to "Finian's Rainbow"; upon graduation, he went to New York City to audition for The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, beating out actors from Yale, Harvard and Columbia Universities for a scholarship to the London based school; and

WHEREAS, Robert Kaliban married the love of his life, Pat, and together they moved to Garden City, New York, to raise their children; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Robert Kaliban pursued his career on Broadway, starring in roles in "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," "Ben Franklin in Paris," and "The Conquering Hero"; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man has also starred in numerous films including "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Lovers and Other Strangers," and "Schoolhouse Rock"; furthermore, his television credits include appearances on hits like "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Tracey Ullman Show," and "Law and Order"; and

WHEREAS, In the true spirit of giving back, Robert Kaliban has devoted many years of service to SAG-AFTRA, serving as president of the New York chapter and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pension and Health Plans for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Kaliban also supported the saving of the historical clock tower at St. Paul's School when it was in danger of collapsing; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Robert Kaliban has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Pat, and their three children, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 honor Robert Kaliban upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Garden City Historical Society on May 3, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Kaliban.