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Senate Resolution No. 4957

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Robert Clarke upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Food Pantries for the Capital District on May 5, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who inspire others through their model citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert Clarke upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Food Pantries for the Capital District, to be celebrated at its 24th Annual Community Auction on Saturday, May 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Robert Clarke who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Robert Clarke is a founding member of the Brunswick Cares Pantry where he has volunteered for the past nine years; he works

tirelessly with community groups to help his pantry and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Robert Clarke was instrumental in helping the Averill Park School District start a back pack program which provides food for 45 of the district's students and their families; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this extraordinary man has fostered relationships with local businesses to expand the bread donation program for his pantry; due to his steadfast and unwavering efforts, he was able to spread the good fortune to five other pantries; and

WHEREAS, Service to community and country is the foundation of our society, and the contributions and future efforts of those in service to them are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of our communities; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who exemplify a spirit of humanity should be celebrated for their noble efforts on behalf of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert Clarke upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Food Pantries for the Capital District on May 5, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Robert Clarke.