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Senate Resolution No. 4980

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING T. Gregory Dewey, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award for Education by the Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great 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 T. Gregory Dewey, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award for Education by the Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 22nd Annual Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 18, 2018, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions that area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives; Dr. T. Gregory Dewey will receive this award for his valuable achievements and devoted service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Dr. T. Gregory Dewey became the ninth president of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS) on July 1, 2014; since joining the college, he has been instrumental in the success of numerous initiatives related to its expansion and growth; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, under the able leadership of Dr. T. Gregory Dewey, Albany College of Pharmacy launched the Beyond Practice Ready campaign, a fundraising initiative designed to provide students with the resources, knowledge, and skills required for a rapidly evolving workplace; and

WHEREAS, The core component of the Campaign was the opening of two student operated pharmacies in Schenectady and Albany, making ACPHS the only school in the country with two such pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, Active in forging relationships with thought leaders from the science and health care industries, Dr. T. Gregory Dewey formed the President's Advisory Council, a group of executives from the corporate, academic, and not-for-profit sectors who meet twice a year to offer insights into how ACPHS can best align itself with the long term needs of businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Dr. T. Gregory Dewey formed the Community Council, a group of leaders from community based organizations, who advise on initiatives for the student operated pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. T. Gregory Dewey has also played a key role in expanding the college's Board of Trustees, which added nine new members in his first two years as president; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Dr. T. Gregory Dewey has served as a local YMCA and SUNY

Global Health and Human Rights board member; and

WHEREAS, Dr. T. Gregory Dewey has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2017 HHC Innovator Award from Hometown Health Centers and the 2017 Celebration of Progress Award by AVillage, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Dr. T. Gregory Dewey enjoys road biking with his wife and participating in Road Bike tours; he is nature oriented, and loves the Adirondacks and backpacking; in addition to being a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he enjoys writing essays and newsletters; and

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

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Dr. T. Gregory Dewey, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor T. Gregory Dewey, Ph.D. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award for Education by the Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to T. Gregory Dewey, Ph.D.

