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Senate Resolution No. 4981

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Robert W. Lazar, CPA upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award for Volunteerism 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 Robert W. Lazar, CPA upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award for Volunteerism 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; Robert W. Lazar will receive this award for his valuable achievements and devoted service to his community after the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, One of the most well respected business professionals in the Capital Region, Robert W. Lazar, after a long career as the President of the New York Business Development Corporation, became the Director of Business Development at Teal Becker & Chiarmonte (TBC) in 2010; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Robert W. Lazar is involved with strategic planning, client advisory services and business development; additionally, he serves as a board member for Sterling Bank Corporation, the parent company of Sterling National Bank; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Robert W. Lazar created the Lazar Family Scholarship, now in its fifth year, to assist students in need; he also lends his CPA skills to countless organizations in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Robert W. Lazar is an active volunteer with many local organizations and has served on the Boards of the following organizations: Living Resources; St. Peter's Hospital Foundation; NY Business Development Corporation Charitable Foundation; Teresian House; Union College Executive Committee; University at Albany School of Business Advisory Board; NYBDC; Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar; Capital Region Food Pantries; Albany Guardian Society; Sterling Bancorp-Loan and Audit Committee; Capital Region Chamber of Commerce; Center for Economic Growth; Sage Colleges; Mount St. Mary College; Wolferts Roost Country Club; and the Academy of the Holy Names; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his efforts, Robert W. Lazar has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades some of which include the Lifetime Business Builder Award, MacDowell Leadership Award, Saratoga Economic Development Corp Leadership Award, Capital District Business Review Small Business Executive of the Year, Entrepreneur of

the Year Award and the UAlbany Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Shirley, as well as their three children and nine 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 Robert W. Lazar, 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 Robert W. Lazar, CPA upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award for Volunteerism by the Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert W. Lazar, CPA.