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Senate Resolution No. 5056

BY: Senator LITTLE

HONORING Joseph Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Washington County Senior of the Year Award on May 11, 2018

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the senior citizens of the Empire State who, as they reach the fullness of years, continue to be active and vital participants in the life of their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Washington County Senior of the Year Award, to be celebrated on Friday, May 11, 2018, at the Kingsbury Firehouse, Hudson Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Hudson Falls, New York, Joseph Wright valiantly served his country as an Aviation Jet Mechanic in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War; during this time, he also earned his GED diploma; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wright went on to attend Adirondack Community College where he studied business law and business communication; he was also awarded an Honorary Diploma from Fort Ann Central School; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Joseph married the love of his life, Wanda, and one year later the couple settled in Fort Ann, New York, where they raised five children; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Joseph Wright has served as Honor Guard at the Saratoga National Cemetery since 2011; he has also been a member of the Raymond W. Harvey Post 703 American Legion of Fort Ann; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he served as a group leader at the United Methodist Church and chaperoned several dances at Fort Ann Central School; he coached Community League baseball for Fort Ann and was also Fort Ann Central School's Booster Club vice-president; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Department, Joseph Wright served as Fire Police Captain, President, Lieutenant and was also an interior fire fighter; in 2012, he became a member of the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Department, where he was a Fire Police Captain, President, Chairman of Kitchen and President of the Firemen's Support Group; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wright has been active with the Boy Scouts of America since 1986, serving in such capacities as Cub Scout Leader, Cub Master, Committee Chairman, Boy Scout leader pack 43 Troop 46 of Fort Ann, Merit Badge Counselor, and Assistant Scout Master; additionally, 21 members of his troop have become Eagle Scouts; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Joseph Wright has been instrumental in engaging children in worthwhile activities and teaching them respect for others; he has mentored youth on his personal values of honesty, patriotism, community service, and compassion; and

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

WHEREAS, Joseph Wright has enriched the lives of his family, friends and colleagues through his love and respect for others, and through the wisdom which comes from many years of living life to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joseph Wright upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Washington County Senior of the Year Award on May 11, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Wright.