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Senate Resolution No. 5060

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Lieutenant General Robert Caslen upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2018

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders resonates with the rich and noble history of New York State and this nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this nation was founded, and to applaud individuals who have dedicated their life's work in support and furtherance of those principles; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant General Robert Caslen upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade, to be held on Monday, May 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day, observed annually on the last Monday of the month of May, we honor those Americans who gave their lives in

defense of their country, whether in the Civil War which divided our nation or in times of war since that time, and in times of peace, in police actions and minor skirmishes, in peacekeeping roles and in missions to foreign lands to uphold the cherished principles of liberty and democracy upon which our grand Republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade is the oldest continuous Memorial Day Parade in the Metropolitan Area, and one of the oldest in America; and

WHEREAS, The parade begins at Third Avenue and 78th Street, and ends at John Paul Jones Park on 101st Street and Fourth Avenue, with a memorial service honoring fallen soldiers; the emotional service includes bagpipes, cannon fire, taps and a 21-gun salute by the Veteran Corps of Artillery, New York state's oldest military unit; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade, Lieutenant General Robert Caslen proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, where he was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Today, Lieutenant General Robert Caslen serves as the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

WHEREAS, As we observe and remember our deceased veterans on Memorial Day, we recall their brave and noble deeds which have served to maintain our most precious and cherished freedoms and honor those who continue to work diligently to support and sustain them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Lieutenant General Robert Caslen upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant General Robert Caslen.