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Senate Resolution No. 5099

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING A. Michael Bucci, Jr. upon the occasion of being selected as the 2018 Person of the Year by the Columbia County Association in the City of New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor A. Michael Bucci, Jr. upon the occasion of being selected as the 2018 Person of the Year by the Columbia County Association in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia County Association in the City of New York was founded in 1902 to bring together Columbia County and New York City residents with common interests, including those from New York City who had homes or businesses in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. was born to Antonio M. Bucci, Sr. and Judith A. Bucci of Greenport, New York; longtime residents of Hudson,

New York, the Bucci family owned and operated Bucci's Labella Napoli Restaurant for over 50 years on 517 Warren Street; and

WHEREAS, A three sport letterman, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. graduated with honors from Hudson High School in 1979; he earned his degree cum laude from Villanova University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, As a college student, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. was a member of the school's intercollegiate bowling team, serving as team Captain from 1981-1983; later in life, he proudly bowled a perfect 300 game and two 299 games; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. was immediately hired by the international accounting firm, Ernst and Whinney; in November of 1985, he became a Certified Public Accountant; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. managed audit and consulting services for more than 100 different audit and tax clients, including large multi-state clients registered with the SEC; he assumed the role of Senior Manager prior to accepting the position of Audit Director and Controller with the New York State Bridge Authority in Highland, New York; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. was responsible for the implementation, maintenance and adequacy of all financial and management accounting and reporting systems, including the Authority's system of internal accounting control review and coordination of the E-ZPass system with the New York State Thruway Authority; he also served on the interagency committee for the regional implementation of E-ZPass, and oversaw an annual budget of more than \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of A. Michael Bucci, Jr., the New York State Bridge Authority received a financial risk rating of AA- and A1, the highest rating in the industry, by Standard & Poors and Moody's Investor Services; and

WHEREAS, Through A. Michael Bucci, Jr. and his wife's small tax and bookkeeping business, the New York State Bridge Authority's Internal Control Program received an A rating by the New York State Division of Budget; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. joined the prestigious Hudson Valley accounting firm of Pattison, Koskey, & Rath, P.C. as a partner, and became a shareholder in 2000; three years later, he became Treasurer and equity owner in the firm, and subsequently, the company was renamed Pattison, Koskey, Howe and Bucci, (PKHB) CPAs, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, For the last 10 years, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. has served as the firm's Managing Shareholder; under his luminous leadership, PKHB has grown to include 10 partners, 18 CPAs, and an additional six offices in the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last decade, PKHB has been named the number one tax preparation firm in the Albany, New York, area in the "Book of Lists" presented by the Albany Business Review; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. and two partners established Hudson Valley Resource Group, Inc., a full service payroll and human resources company managing 275 local businesses, not-for-profit companies and municipalities in 12 different states; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

and the New York State Society of CPAs; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. was named to First Niagara Bank's Eastern Regional Advisory Board where he served until its merger with Key Corp in 2017; and

WHEREAS, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. is an active and devoted member of his community; he has served on numerous local boards including the Twin County Vikings, the Hudson Little League, the Hudson Boys and Girls Club, Hudson BPOE Lodge No. 787, Hudson Rotary, the Greenport Park Commission, Hudson Dollars for Scholars, Hudson Booster Club and the Columbia County Association in the City of New York, holding the title of Treasurer for all of these organizations; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. was one of the founders of the Hudson Booster Club in 2005; through his steadfast efforts, the organization raised significant funds to keep the sports and music programs for the Hudson City School District when the school budget was defeated in 2005; he also coached many youth baseball and basketball teams, including all-star and tournament teams of various age groups; and

WHEREAS, A faithful congregant of St. Mary's Church in Hudson, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. is also a member of the Columbia County Sons and Daughters of Italy No. 659, where he serves as trustee; in 2005, he was the recipient of its Positive Image Award; and

WHEREAS, When he is not working or helping someone, A. Michael Bucci, Jr. enjoys traveling with his wife and his family, and likes to stay fit by working out, running and playing a variety of sports; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 33 years, Dawn;

their three sons, Anthony (Kim) Bucci III, Dominic (Lizzy) Bucci, and Kristofer (Jessica) Bucci; and one granddaughter, Elliana; as well as A. Michael's brother, Bob (Chris) Bucci, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor A. Michael Bucci, Jr. upon the occasion of being selected as the 2018 Person of the Year by the Columbia County Association in the City of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to A. Michael Bucci, Jr.