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Assembly Resolution No. 1158

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COMMENDING Jennifer O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation as the 2018 New York State Mother of the Year by American Mothers

WHEREAS, Individuals who devote their lives to raising their families to enable them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer O'Brien has given not only of her time and energies but also of her love, competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor by American Mothers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jennifer O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation as the 2018 New York State Mother of the Year by American Mothers, which was celebrated at a ceremony in Washington, DC from April 21-24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer O'Brien, of Binghamton, New York, is the proud mother of two children, Paige and Maggie and her extended "kids" from Canada to France and here in New York; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer O'Brien has dedicated her life to raising her family with humor and compassion and love; blessed with two children,

she and her husband Paul, are a terrific team; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer O'Brien has raised loving and caring individuals, serving as a testament to their mother, while constantly giving her undivided and individual love; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her responsibilities as a wife and mother, Jennifer O'Brien serves her community as the Executive Director of Life Is Washable, Inc.; under her luminous leadership, this vital organization has helped over 50,000 participants through its creative family engagement programming; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer O'Brien also holds the title of Executive Director of the American Special Hockey Association, and developed Friendly Access Sensory Safety Kits which are available in sports venues throughout the United States and Fair Play Adaptive Athletics; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic woman worked on the OurSpace Project at Recreation Park, resulting in the construction of a fully accessible play space for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, When Jennifer O'Brien is not taking care of her family or helping someone, she works for Health Processes, Inc., where she leads a talented team in serving individuals with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, A strong, compassionate woman who truly loves her children, Jennifer O'Brien is constantly juggling caring for her children, with her volunteer work and her job, never missing a game or event; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Jennifer O'Brien takes

pride in her family and they, in turn, respect the value of motherhood;
and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to countless women, strong and colorful threads vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have and continue to contribute to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society, especially the important role of mother; Jennifer O'Brien represents a model of professional, community and family life worthy of emulation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jennifer O'Brien upon the occasion of her designation as the 2018 New York State Mother of the Year by American Mothers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jennifer O'Brien.