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Senate Resolution No. 5145

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Veronica Blendell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Mary G. Breslin Volunteer Service Award by LaSalle School on May 14, 2018

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as Veronica Blendell who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Veronica Blendell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Mary G. Breslin Volunteer Service Award by LaSalle School, to be celebrated on Monday, May 14, 2018, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Veronica "Ronnie" Caimano was born in the area of Albany's St. Francis of Assisi Church, formerly St. James Church; and

WHEREAS, Upon her graduation from Vincentian Institute, Veronica Blendell was employed by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS); and

WHEREAS, Veronica and Jim Blendell were united in marriage in October of 1964, and moved to Delmar before settling in Slingerlands,

New York, where they continue to live today; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Veronica Blendell has spent countless years working with community organizations, providing support, comfort and continued education to all age groups; she has been active in LaSalle School's activities since the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Veronica Blendell is a member of the Ladies of Charity and volunteers at the Sister Maureen Joyce Food Pantry; she is also a former President of the St. Thomas Rosary Society and former President of the Garden Study Club of Albany; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Catholic Women's Service League, Veronica Blendell has assumed leadership roles and has been instrumental in guiding the League in its efforts to provide life experiences for youth and families; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Jim, with her throughout have been their four children, Jackie, Sandi, Ronnie and Jimmy, and 10 grandchildren, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Veronica Blendell has displayed throughout her life; 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

Veronica Blendell, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Veronica Blendell upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Mary G. Breslin Volunteer Service Award by LaSalle School on May 14, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Veronica Blendell.