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Senate Resolution No. 5157

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Frances K. Enwright upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the Oswego County Office for the Aging

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Frances K. Enwright upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the Oswego County Office for the Aging, to be recognized at its Older New Yorkers' Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, she has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and, consequently, has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Frances K. Enwright has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Frances K. Enwright was born on June 21, 1926, to Italian immigrants Frank and Vita Ruggio in Oswego, New York; her family lived on East Van Buren Street in Oswego, which is walking distance from the historic Fort Ontario; and

WHEREAS, At an early age, Francis K. Enwright's compassion for others could be seen in her many acts of kindness; during World War II, she would go to the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter, which housed 982 European refugees, and teach refugees English; forever moved by this experience, she volunteers at the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum, a museum that is dedicated to telling the stories of the refugees; and

WHEREAS, She met her future husband Leo F. Enwright Sr. at Taggart Paper Mill and together they raised their seven children in Oswego; she spent her career working at the City of Oswego Clerk's Office, Cullinan's Ice Skating Rink and the Election Polls; and

WHEREAS, Frances K. Enwright truly embodies the principles and ideals that make us proud to be Americans and has been a tireless volunteer for many years; and

WHEREAS, She has actively participated in her local community as a volunteer for St. Luke Health Services, Oswego Hospital, Safe Haven at Fort Ontario, as a Bingo worker at St. Joseph's Church, and as a coordinator for the Oswego County Blood Drive; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable individual is also active in the Columbiettes, the St. Anne's Society, and the Red Hat Club; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Frances K. Enwright has

displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Frances K. Enwright upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Senior Citizen of the Year Award by the Oswego County Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frances K. Enwright.