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Senate Resolution No. 5269

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Older New Yorker of the Year Award

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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the senior citizens of the Empire State who, as they reach the fullness of years, continue to be active and vital participants in the life of their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Older New Yorker of the Year Award, to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 22, 2018; and

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

WHEREAS, Born in Pennsylvania, Harold "Jay" Hoffmeier, Jr. valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War; he went on to receive his medical education at Western Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about providing high quality health care of a national level locally in Schuyler County, Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. serves as a Physician's Assistant specializing in family medicine at Arnot Health in Watkins Glen, New York; and

WHEREAS, Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. joined The Arc of Schuyler Board of Directors in 1992, and served as Vice-President from May of 2006 to April of 2009, and as President from 2009 to 2012; he also serves on the organization's audit, budget and finance, by-laws, incident review, and human resources committee; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man, with the belief that all people deserve to lead a life with dignity and purpose, is a passionate advocate for his son who receives services through The Arc, and others impacted by decisions made at the state and national levels regarding services for people with disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Through his role on The Arc New York's Board of Governors, Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. has had a great impact in the field of developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. serves on the advisory board for

Arnot Medical Services, and is a member of the New York State Society of Physician Assistants; he has also volunteered at the Montour Falls United Methodist Church since joining with his wife in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. embodies the principles and ideals that make us proud to be Americans and has been an active volunteer for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 47 years, Betsy, and their five children, as well as five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, who have all 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 well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Older New Yorker of the Year Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harold J. Hoffmeier, Jr.