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Senate Resolution No. 5270

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING John Terry 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 John Terry 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 and raised in Elmira Heights, New York, John Terry has lived his entire life in the State of New York, with the exception of his time in college and graduate school, as well as a one year teaching position in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, A true pillar in the Watkins Glen community, John Terry has quietly and without fanfare devoted himself to serving others; as an active member of the Watkins-Montour Lions Club, he provides countless hours each year to its Christmas tree sales despite the cold weather and physical labor; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, John Terry has volunteered with such local organizations as the Watkins Glen Housing Authority, Schuyler Hospital Foundation, Watkins Glen Board of Education, Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency, and the American Chemical Society, Cornell Section; and

WHEREAS, John Terry embodies the principles and ideals that make us proud to be Americans and has been an active volunteer for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which John Terry has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Cynthia, as well as two children and two 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 John Terry 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 John Terry.