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Senate Resolution No. 5303

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Bill and Mary Murphy upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Mount Saint Mary College on June 4, 2018

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bill and Mary Murphy upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Mount Saint Mary College at its 40th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 4, 2018, at The Powelton Club, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Newburgh, New York, Bill Murphy graduated from Saint Patrick's High School before earning a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Manhattan College and a Master of Structural Engineering degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, A professional engineer, Bill Murphy and his two partners incorporated Halmar Contracting, Inc. in 1981, during which time he

helped the company become an "Engineering News Record," "400 Contractor," and one of the largest, most respected contractors in New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Bill Murphy sold his interests in Halmar and founded William Murphy & Associates, a firm providing project management, estimating, and claims consultation to the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man serves on the Director's Advisory Council of M&T Bank and on the Board of Directors for the Construction Industry Council of Westchester and Hudson Valley; he has also served as board member and past president of the Associated General Contractors, New York State, and as a member of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Bill Murphy is a founder and former president of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh, former Trustee of Mount Saint Mary College, board member and former president of McQuade Children's Services, board member of Holden Home, member and chairman of the Town of Newburgh Ethics Board, and founding member of the Mount's Artists on Campus; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Newburgh resident, Mary Murphy graduated from Newburgh Free Academy before earning an Associate of Applied Science degree from Orange County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Mary Murphy began her illustrious nursing career in the Special Care Nursery of Morrisania Hospital in the Bronx while

volunteering for ARC; she spent many years with Planned Parenthood as nursing supervisor, volunteer, and board member, and was a Hospice

volunteer for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Mary Murphy has served on the board and Advisory Committee of Occupations, Inc. and the Board of CP Center (Inspire); she was also involved with the Literacy Council Committee, Friends of the Library, Newburgh Ministry, and the Nurse-Healers Association, and was a founding member of the Mount's Artists on Campus; and

WHEREAS, Mary Murphy currently serves on the Volunteer Committee of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Mary Murphy have been married for more than 50 years; in 2017, the couple was honored by Safe Harbors of the Hudson as Cornerstones of the Community, Newburgh Champions; and

WHEREAS, With them throughout have been their two children and six grandchildren, who have all shown them love and support and rejoice in their many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Bill and Mary Murphy have displayed throughout their lives; 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 Bill and Mary Murphy, that future generations may know and appreciate their admirable character, their many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which they are held by their peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bill and Mary Murphy upon the occasion of their designation for special recognition by Mount Saint Mary College on June 4, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bill and Mary Murphy.