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Senate Resolution No. 5379

BY: Senator HANNON

COMMENDING Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 21st Annual Stand for Children Day Celebration on June 1, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 21st Annual Stand for Children Day Celebration on Friday, June 1, 2018, at the Children's Garden in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, New York; and

WHEREAS, The program will honor the memory of Margaret "Margo" O'Connor who was a friend to all children; she was an elementary school principal in Freeport, New York, active in the Nassau county Association for the Education of Young Children, board member of Child Care Council of Nassau, and coordinator of the 1996 Stand for Children bus trip to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman also organized numerous letter writing campaigns for various children's issues; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Child Care Council of Nassau has strived to ensure all families living and/or working in Nassau County have access to quality childcare and early learning opportunities which foster successful growth and development for every child; and

WHEREAS, As a Child Care Aware of American Quality Assured leading resource on childcare and early learning experiences in Nassau County, the Child Care Council of Nassau diligently works to inform families about child care choices, indicators of quality and financial options; support the child care workforce through programmatic enhancement (education, health, safety and nutrition) and business development; advocate for public policy change that support families, the growth and development of children and the sustainability of the childcare workforce; and partner with community leaders, employers, public agencies and organizations to efficiently respond to and further develop the child care system; and

WHEREAS, The success of Child Care Council of Nassau is in direct correlation to the efforts of Executive Director Jan Barbieri and her staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, The Child Care Council of Nassau truly believes that all children deserve early education and care; good childcare is a community resource which supports families, contributes to economic productivity and nurtures children's growth; 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 commend Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting its 21st Annual Stand for Children Day Celebration on June 1, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jan Barbieri, Executive Director, Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc.