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Senate Resolution No. 5700

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Dianne Catrano upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Children's Champion Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in developing the skills necessary to be successful, productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dianne Catrano upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Children's Champion Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York, celebrated at its 29th Annual Education Services Dinner Dance on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Russo's On the Bay, Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Champion Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a loving concern for and sincere commitment to the care, education and personal development and well-being of the children entrusted to the dedicated professionals of HeartShare's Education

Services programs; Dianne Cattrano is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Director of HeartShare's Cuomo First Step Early Childhood Center in Richmond Hill, Queens, Dianne Cattrano has always been at the forefront of early education, striving to educate herself and those around her; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Cattrano implemented the school's behavioral and support curriculum, and has gone above and beyond in hosting special events, including an annual Art Show, Literacy Day and Family Day; additionally, she founded the annual Autism March, where the children and their families demonstrate their pride during the month of April; and

WHEREAS, Whether it's applying for a KaBOOM! playground or advocating in Albany, Dianne Cattrano is tireless in securing resources for her students; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Cattrano began her illustrious career with HeartShare Human Services of New York as an Infant/Toddler Home Base Teacher; she returned to school for her graduate degree and upon completion of her School Building Leadership Program, she was promoted to Director, the esteemed position she continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her profession, Dianne Cattrano is Co-Chair of the Queens Developmental Disabilities Council, which organizes an annual Family Support Fair for parents and families, as well as a Legislative Breakfast, which engages elected officials and policymakers on the budgetary needs for special education; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary woman is a member of the InterAgency Council (IAC), an advocacy membership organization for providers of developmental disabilities services; she also actively participates in Pre-K for All Symposiums, bringing back best practices from the City and State to her teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dianne Cattrano has displayed throughout her life; 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 Dianne Cattrano, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dianne Cattrano upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Children's Champion Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dianne Cattrano.