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Senate Resolution No. 5854

BY: Senator LITTLE

HONORING the memory and celebrating the life of Francis K. Blake, Sr., a distinguished citizen, admired colleague, trusted friend and devoted community member

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Francis (Frank) K. Blake, Sr., of Colonie, New York, died on March 14, 2018, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to the New York Senate for over 30 years, Francis K. Blake, Sr., was employed in several capacities, most recently as Director of Special Events, prior to his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Francis K. Blake, Sr., a proud patriot, served in the United States Army from 1966-1968; and

WHEREAS, Francis K. Blake, Sr., was a long time Boy Scout Troop Leader serving as mentor and friend, guiding young men and Eagle Scout candidates as they worked to achieve personal success; and

WHEREAS, Francis K. Blake, Sr., was an invaluable event advisor to the Albany Police Department for many years and served as Treasurer of the Empire State Law Enforcement Memorial Fund; and

WHEREAS, Francis K. Blake, Sr., was a volunteer in his community and worked over the years with Youth in Government, NYS Senior Games, The Salvation Army and Father Peter Young's outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, Francis K. Blake, Sr., was the go-to guy in his neighborhood and beyond, always willing to lend a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, Francis K. Blake, Sr., is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Maria Cataldo Blake; his three children, Frank (Teri) Blake, Jr., Angela (Michael) Bombard and Anthony (Heidi) Blake; and his eight grandchildren, JJ Papielion, Cole Bombard, Marissa, Makayla, Frankie, Hailey, Olivia and Lainey Blake; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his tenacious work ethic and determined commitment, Francis K. Blake Sr., will be remembered for not only his warm smile and laughter, but for his kind and generous heart he shared with his colleagues, family members and friends; he will truly be missed by all those who had the honor of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the memory and celebrate the life of Francis K. Blake, Sr., a distinguished citizen, admired colleague, trusted friend and devoted community member; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Francis K. Blake, Sr.