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Senate Resolution No. 53

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Marvin Freedman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Senior Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum on October 10, 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 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 honor Marvin Freedman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Senior Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum to be celebrated at its 19th Annual Senior Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Capital District Senior Issues Forum is a voluntary initiative among faith communities, organizations and individuals which provides support for seniors in the capital district through education and dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, this vital organization has focused on senior housing issues by bringing together caregivers, faith organizations, government officials, housing facilities, administrators and seniors themselves; and

WHEREAS, For the past 19 years, the Capital District Senior Issues Forum has honored hundreds of senior citizens over the age of 85 for their lifetime achievements; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Freedman is being recognized as an extraordinary senior for his tireless efforts in making a difference in the lives of others and for giving selflessly in community service; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 31, 1930, in Albany, Marvin Freedman grew up in a traditional Jewish household where he was taught the value of community service; for most of his life, he was a faithful member of Congregation Beth Emeth; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his exemplary life, Marvin Freedman has graciously given of his time and energies to numerous worthy organizations within the Capital Region; through his many good works, he has touched the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, Even though he was a busy insurance agent with a young family, Marvin Freedman was a vital member of a variety of boards, committees and programs which served the needs of those less fortunate; from serving on the St. Peters Board for 23 years, including a tenure as Chair, to work within the Reform Judaism movement and United Jewish Appeal, he has been committed to helping anyone of any faith; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his

steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community, Marvin Freedman has led his life by example; he truly believes the experiences he has had serving have been a blessing for him and his life; and

WHEREAS, Today, Marvin Freedman enjoys listening to music, exercising and spending time in Florida; he continues to encourage people of all faiths to interact more with each other to improve understanding and serve those in need; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sherry and their children, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Marvin Freedman upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Senior Lifetime Achievement Award by the Capital District Senior Issues Forum on October 10, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marvin Freedman.