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Senate Resolution No. 51

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Mary Ellen Kalled upon the occasion of her 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 Mary Ellen Kalled upon the occasion of her 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, Mary Ellen Kalled is being recognized as an extraordinary senior for her tireless efforts in making a difference in the lives of others and for giving selflessly in community service; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 11, 1933, Mary Ellen Kalled was raised in Albany where she attended the Academy of the Holy Names for 12 years; while there, she developed a love of music, especially the piano; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the Boston University School of Music, Mary Ellen Kalled married her late husband, Emil in 1956; shortly thereafter, the couple had four children, Barbara, Kevin, Susan and the late David; later, Mary Ellen's family was joined by daughter-in-law, Donna, and son-in-law, Michael; and

WHEREAS, For the last 25 years, Mary Ellen Kalled has been an active and faithful member and volunteer for her Blessed Sacrament Church family serving in various roles such as President of the Rosary Altar Society, and Eucharistic Minister both in church and to the homebound who she truly likes to visit and get to know; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Mary Ellen Kalled helps clean the church, sends weekly bulletins to shut-ins, and works in the thrift store and food pantry; in this capacity, she organizes the volunteers for the

pantry and keeps a detailed register of every client; and

WHEREAS, When she is not helping someone, Mary Ellen Kalled enjoys spending time with her three beloved grandchildren, Chelsea, Victoria and Sophia; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mary Ellen Kalled has displayed throughout her life; she is an involved, caring person, who is always willing and able to lend a helping hand, a listening ear and a kind word; 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 Mary Ellen Kalled upon the occasion of her 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 Mary Ellen Kalled.