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Senate Resolution No. 57

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Regina S. LaGatta upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Academy of Holy Names on November 15, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Regina S. LaGatta upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Academy of Holy Names to be celebrated at its Partners in Education Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Loudonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Regina S. LaGatta is being recognized for her extraordinary efforts in providing a community where students can grow and learn in a positive and outstanding environment; and

WHEREAS, Regina Scarano LaGatta, Class of 1977 graduate of the Academy of Holy Names, holds a Masters of Science degree in Education with a teaching certification in Special Education from the College of St. Rose; she received her Bachelors of Science degree in Health from

SUNY Brockport and is an alumna of Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC); and

WHEREAS, In 1977, while at the Center for Disabilities Services, Regina S. LaGatta was asked to move from the classroom to management and was named Assistant Vice President for Development; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a member of its board of directors, in 1999, Regina S. LaGatta was asked to serve as Executive Vice President/Deputy Executive Office at the Capital District YMCA; and

WHEREAS, In one decade, she developed a culture of philanthropy and helped to establish "the YMCA as the Community's Charity of Choice"; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Regina S. LaGatta was appointed Vice President for College Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation at SUNY Cobleskill; she also served as a "Shared Services" Vice President at SUNY Delhi; and

WHEREAS, Retiring from SUNY in 2014, Regina S. LaGatta returned to HVCC as the Interim Executive Director of the Foundation; in 2017, the Office of Institutional Advancement was established and she was appointed Chief Advancement Officer; in this role she still serves as Executive Director and works with the President on both State and Federal Government Relations and is responsible for the Office of Grants; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Regina S. LaGatta recently led the campaign to build a new center for advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, James, and their

two children, Ashley and Christopher, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Regina S. LaGatta upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Academy of Holy Names on November 15, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Regina S. LaGatta.