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Senate Resolution No. 81

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Timothy Bancroft upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Code of Conduct Award by the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain individuals whom we wish to recognize for their valued contributions and to publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Timothy Bancroft upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Code of Conduct Award by the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs to be celebrated at its annual award ceremony on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the Normanside Country Club, Delmar, New York; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award provides an important opportunity for people who receive services, their families, provider agency personnel and the public to recognize and celebrate the exemplary work of staff whose actions demonstrate a commitment to the core values articulated in the Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS, The Justice Center Code of Conduct must be signed by

employees who assist people with special needs; it provides them an important framework to help people live self-directed meaningful lives in their communities, free from abuse and neglect, and protected from harm; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Albany, New York, Timothy Bancroft has provided leadership, supervision, support, and most of all inspiration to hundreds of youth receiving residential services at Northern Rivers Family of Services for almost 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Bancroft began working on the overnight shift on a part-time basis and his natural talent for working with youth experiencing challenges quickly became evident; throughout his career, he has been known for helping young people in crisis overcome difficulties in positive and productive ways; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Bancroft's approach to work has always embodied the principles of the Code of Conduct; he ensures that the youth in his care know he believes in them and will advocate for them to learn and grow into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, One of Timothy Bancroft's current staff members received residential services from Northern Rivers 10 years ago and was under his care; when applying for the job, he expressed a desire to work directly with Timothy so he could learn from the best; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional man believes in speaking up for those who cannot speak up on their own and is truly dedicated to ensure the youth in his care are treated with respect and protected from harm; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Bancroft is an inspiration to many people, and his

dedication and commitment to people with special needs have proven him to be the epitome of true leadership and guidance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Timothy Bancroft upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Code of Conduct Award by the New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Timothy Bancroft.