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Senate Resolution No. 180

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Andrew Larson upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Distinguished Alumnus by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and Alumni Association on September 22, 2018

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Andrew Larson upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Distinguished Alumnus by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and Alumni Association to be celebrated at its Alumni Awards Brunch on Homecoming Weekend, Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the Bulmer Telecommunications Center, Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Troy, New York, Andrew Larson has always been an entrepreneur; throughout his high school years, he successfully ran his own Dee Jay business; and

WHEREAS, After earning his business degree from Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) in 1991, Andrew Larson accepted a position at The Troy Record as South Troy's district manager; he moved downtown, tending bar in his evenings at some of the city's historic restaurants,

such as the Cape House, Trojan Tap Room and his uncle's bar, The Tavern (now the Wine Bar); and

WHEREAS, Andrew Larson left the area in 1994 and moved to Skanderborg, Denmark where he taught English in the public school, and worked as a Dee Jay for the local the radio station; in this capacity, he helped set the stage for its annual rock festival; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning to the United States, Andrew Larson relocated to the Deep South, where he explored various careers; he played baseball and golf, and eventually began a golf business in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In this role, Andrew Larson became proficient in his field, especially as a caddy; fortunately for him, he served as a caddy for some employees of CBS Sports the day after The Masters of 2005; they offered him the opportunity of a lifetime, and he began the challenging task of learning all the television production jobs to cover the next PGA Tour for CBS, walking with Tiger Woods on his first outing; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Andrew Larson returned to the Capital District and continued to work with the CBS graphics team for the NFL; in 2015, he was asked to produce a segment on "Thursday Night Football" called "NextGen" which led to working his first Super Bowl; he and his team proudly earned an Emmy Award for the broadcast; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished television career, Andrew Larson covered numerous sports, however, as a diehard Yankees fan, it was the thrill of a lifetime to work on Major League Baseball coverage

and witness the celebration of a 2009 World Championship in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, Since the broadcasting field requires long, stressful hours on weekends and holidays, and a great deal of traveling, Andrew Larson spearheaded various fundraising events to raise the spirits of his fellow team members; through the years, they have donated significant funds to various worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Today, Andrew Larson lives in Saratoga Springs, New York where he and his family own and operate a Bed and Breakfast establishment; true to his roots, he also continues to cover the PGA Tour and NFL for CBS Sports; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Andrew Larson upon the occasion of being named a 2018 Distinguished Alumnus by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and Alumni Association on September 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Larson.