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Senate Resolution No. 987

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Paul Lamar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Paul Lamar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath, to be celebrated at its 25th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2021, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lifepath is dedicated to keeping older neighbors and friends healthy and safe by providing effective programs and support to help them stay connected to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Each year, this auspicious event recognizes the contributions area residents and professionals have made in their communities during the Third Age of their lives (after turning 60 years-old); Paul Lamar is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Two passions, writing and music, have governed Paul Lamar's 75 years, for which he thanks his parents, Robert and Ethel Lamar, and splendid teachers at both Albany High School and Yale University; and

WHEREAS, Paul Lamar has turned these enthusiasms into a variety of jobs, including teaching English at Emma Willard School, The College of Saint Rose, SUNY Cobleskill, Greene Correctional Facility and Sage, as well as GED programs at St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center, and reviewing theater for The Daily Gazette since 1996; and

WHEREAS, As a tireless volunteer, Paul Lamar has conducted a senior chorus, The Cannonaires, at the Watervliet Senior Center for the past 42 years, accompanied The Capital Pride Singers, taught memoir writing at Howe Library, and has written program notes for the Albany Symphony Orchestra since 1997, and Albany Pro Musica for the last seven years; and

WHEREAS, In short, Paul Lamar has truly enjoyed a life of the mind and stimulating collaborations with many others in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his marvelous husband, Mark Eamer, his three adoring children and two delightful grandchildren, as well as his wonderful siblings and their families, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 Paul Lamar upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Lamar.