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Senate Resolution No. 1553

BY: Senator ORTT

COMMENDING former Senator John J. Flanagan for his illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to public service and the pursuit of excellence in the conduct of the legislative process in this noble Empire State; John J. Flanagan is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend former Senator John J. Flanagan for his illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Senator John J. Flanagan was elected in 2002 to represent the Long Island residents of the 2nd Senate District, where he served with honor and distinction from 2003 until 2020; during this time, he served as Temporary President and Majority Leader of the New York State Senate from 2015 to 2019, as well as Minority Leader from 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Senator John J. Flanagan was the prime sponsor of

legislation to provide women with critically important information about breast density to assist in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Senator John J. Flanagan fought to provide tax relief to New Yorkers and small business owners, enacted a property tax cap, and repealed the MTA payroll tax for 80 percent of businesses; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his Senate tenure, John J. Flanagan served in the 9th District of the New York State Assembly from 1987 until 2003; and

WHEREAS, John J. Flanagan resides on Long Island, and is the proud father of three children; and

WHEREAS, Every citizen in New York State has most certainly benefited, in one way or another, from the deep dedication, intelligence and commitment former Senator John J. Flanagan brought to his work as a legislator, loyal friend, and trusted advisor; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to reflect upon those outstanding individuals who have made everlasting contributions on behalf of their fellow man and have truly left their mark on this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and applaud the many accomplishments of former Senator John J. Flanagan, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to former New York State Senator John J. Flanagan.