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Senate Resolution No. 2256

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Libby Post upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath on April 29, 2022

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 Libby Post upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath, to be celebrated at its 26th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 29, 2022, 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); Libby Post is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Libby Post earned her master's degree in political communications from the University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, Libby Post brings a wide range of communications experience, advocacy and political campaign expertise to her clients at Communication Services, a full-service public affairs and lobbying operation that provides strategic communications and campaigns to clients that include public libraries, healthcare organizations and animal welfare groups; and

WHEREAS, Since 2018, Libby Post and Sheila Healy have run the political consulting firm, Progressive Elections, LLC, specializing in local elections; Libby and her business partner have had tremendous success electing pro-choice, pro-LGBTQ candidates since starting the firm; and

WHEREAS, Through her public affairs work, Libby Post runs the New York State Animal Protection Federation and represents the state's network of animal shelters at the capitol where she has been successful in garnering support for homeless companion animals including the establishment of the Companion Animal Capital Fund which will receive \$10M in funding in the FY23 state budget; and

WHEREAS, Libby Post has been a regular on WAMC's "The Roundtable" for over a decade, and is the founding co-chair of CapitalWomen, the Capital Region's political action committee; she is also an adjunct professor at the University at Albany's Rockefeller College of Public

Affairs and Policy where she teaches "The Science and Art of Political Campaigns" and "Making Policy Understandable"; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her partner of 27 years, Lynn

Dunning-Vaughn, and their son Alex, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefits of others which Libby Post has displayed throughout her 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 Libby Post upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2022 Third Age Achievement Award by Lifepath; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Libby Post.