

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ronald W. Toseland upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 Ronald W. Toseland upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany, to be celebrated at its 20th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Wolferts Roost Country Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Services of Albany was founded in 1952, to serve the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in the greater Albany area; since its inception, the agency has focused its mission on enhancing quality of life and fostering independence for seniors in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, The Third Age Achievement Awards are designed to pay tribute to members of the Capital Region who have made significant contributions to our communities in their "third age"; the award seeks to dispel the myth that getting older always means slowing down and highlights the activities, achievements and creativity of individuals over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The 60-plus stage of life can be a time full of opportunities to enrich our communities, pursue dreams, and provide leadership; the Third Age Achievement Awards honor individuals who have excelled in all of these endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A long-time professor at the SUNY Albany Institute of Gerontology in the School of Social Welfare, Ronald W. Toseland has devoted his life to the field of health and human services as well as the field of gerontology; and

WHEREAS, Ronald W. Toseland grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology at Manhattan College before going on to earn his PhD from the University of Wisconsin in Social Work Practice, Group Work, Gerontology, and Research; and

WHEREAS, Ronald W. Toseland joined SUNY Albany in 1979, and has been a pillar of the University's gerontology work ever since; he has published six books and more than 110 articles, many of which focus on clinical practice with frail and chronically ill older adults and their family caregivers, as well as social group work; and

WHEREAS, Internationally recognized for his research on social work practice with groups and effective interventions for problems faced by aging individuals, Ronald W. Toseland's findings have helped to guide the delivery of evidence-based social and health care services to older persons, and have also been featured in Congress and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Ronald W. Toseland has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades throughout his distinguished career, including a 2007 award for outstanding lifelong contributions in gerontological social work, as well as the Social Work and Research Distinguished Achievement Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this esteemed man has served on the Governing Board of Senior Services of Albany; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sheryl, and their two daughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ronald W. Toseland upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Third Age Achievement Award in Health and Human Services by Senior Services of Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ronald W. Toseland.