

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Wilfredo Rosario upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Wilfredo Rosario upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Born in Puerto Rico, Wilfredo Rosario moved to Brooklyn in 1970, during which time he worked as a truck driver for Iberia products until 1983, when he relocated back to Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Wilfredo Rosario began working as a truck driver for Santi & Son in Pennsylvania before settling, six years later, in Rome, New York, where he continues to reside today; he is retired from ConMed after seven years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Since his retirement, Wilfredo Rosario has been actively involved as a volunteer with the Rome Rescue Mission; whether preparing meals, assisting with cleanup duties or spending time in fellowship with the clients, he has a tremendous impact on everyone he meets; and

WHEREAS, Wilfredo Rosario's energy and willingness to help others has been the cornerstone of his success at the Rescue Mission as well as within the community-at-large, serving as a continuous reminder of what spiritual, social, and physical health looks like at any age; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Wilfredo Rosario is an active volunteer at the Maranatha Church in Rome, and has been helping others in his community by doing chores for elderly neighbors such as mowing lawns and shoveling snow; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Aurea, their nine children and 15 grandchildren, as well as seven great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Wilfredo Rosario has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

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

WHEREAS, Wilfredo Rosario, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volun-

teerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Wilfredo Rosario upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wilfredo Rosario.