

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of Wildwood
School on April 28, 2017

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others in developing the skills necessary to be successful, productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Wildwood School, to be celebrated at its Spring Gala on Friday, April 28, 2017, at Albany Capital Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Wildwood School provides supports and services to people of all ages with conditions described as developmental disabilities, complex learning disabilities and autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, With an emphasis on understanding each individual as a whole and unique person, children as young as three and adults enjoying their senior years receive supports and services in every life area in an environment where they are accepted, respected and valued; and

WHEREAS, Wildwood School was created in 1967, when a group of parents found that their children did not fit neatly into existing programs; what began as a program for a handful of preschoolers has grown into an organization which provides comprehensive supports and services to well over 1,000 people and their families every year; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast creativity and commitment which led to Wildwood School's establishment continues today as its staff strives to meet the individualized needs of the people receiving services as well as their families; and

WHEREAS, At Wildwood School, everyday challenges are seen as the catalyst for growth, learning and the adaptation to the environment; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, Wildwood School has been instrumental in maximizing the independence, fulfillment and productivity of the population which it serves; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, Wildwood School has been seen as a leader and a resource for people with disabilities, their families, and allied professionals throughout the Capital Region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished 50 year history, Wildwood School has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which

it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of Wildwood School is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Wildwood School; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Wildwood School on April 28, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wildwood School, Schenectady, New York.