

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Gary Perone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The HeartShare Genie Foundation Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Gary Perone has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gary Perone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The HeartShare Genie Foundation Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York to be celebrated at its Spring Gala and Auction on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 1914, HeartShare Human Services of New York has been making a world of difference in its community as a non-profit human services agency dedicated to improving the lives of people in need of special services and support by helping these individuals develop to their fullest potential and lead meaningful and enriched lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, When the "Return of Baseball to Brooklyn" finally arrived in 2001, Gary Perone was named the first Director of Community Relations for the New York Mets Minor League Class A team, the Brooklyn Cyclones; he currently serves as the organization's Assistant General Manager; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Gary Perone was one of the 30 executives in professional baseball chosen to attend the Major League Baseball Scout School, where he received his certification from Major League Baseball in professional scouting; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Gary Perone received numerous awards and accolades including a Presidential Citation Award by the Minor League Baseball (MiLB) for his work in forming and implementing the Minor League Baseball Diversity Program and the 2012 and 2016 Robert Julian Community and Baseball Service Award; in 2012, he was named one of Staten Island's Top 20 Professionals by the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gary Perone was honored at City Hall by the New York City Council in 2016 for his role in creating the Borough Cup City Wide Youth Initiative where he brought together city youth with professional baseball teams, including the New York Mets, the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Cyclones; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Gary Perone serves as an Adjunct Professor for Business and Sports Management at LIU Brooklyn and is a member of the Minor League Baseball Diversity Committee, Board of Directors for POWER PLAY NYC, New York Hot Stove League and continues to lend his support to numerous other non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Ellena and their four children, Nicolette, Dominique, Alexandria, and Gary John, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Gary Perone upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of The HeartShare Genie Foundation Award by HeartShare Human Services of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary Perone.