

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMENDING** Lucretia DeSantis Hunt upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 2017

**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 commend Lucretia DeSantis Hunt upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 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 woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Utica, New York, Lucretia DeSantis Hunt was the daughter of Victor and Beatrice DeSantis; after marrying her husband, Fred Hunt, the couple moved to Puerto Rico where she quickly picked up the Spanish language; and

**WHEREAS,** After returning to her hometown, Lucretia DeSantis Hunt earned a teaching degree; she taught English as a second language at Mohawk Valley Community College and served as a teacher at BOCES of Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties for 29 years, where she continues to hold the position as head administrator of GED; and

**WHEREAS,** Dedicated to her community, Lucretia DeSantis Hunt has been active in numerous civic organizations including the Business and Professional Woman's Organization and the League of Women Voters; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, Lucretia DeSantis Hunt is a member of the Oneida County Office for the Aging/Continuing Care Advisory Council, the Charter Committee of the City of Utica, the East Utica Neighborhood Watch Committee, the University Women's Organization and the Daughters

of Columbus; she was also a member of the Utica Symphony League Club, the American Italian Heritage Association, the Sons of Italy, Inc., and the St. Cosmo and Damian Society as well as the Senior Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Lucretia DeSantis Hunt has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout has been her husband, Fred, who has always shown her love and support and rejoices in her many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Lucretia DeSantis Hunt has displayed throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS,** Lucretia DeSantis Hunt, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her volunteerism, 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 commend Lucretia DeSantis Hunt upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lucretia DeSantis Hunt.