

Senate Resolution No. 1773

BY: Senator SERINO

HONORING Edward Hallisey upon the occasion of his 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 honor Edward Hallisey upon the occasion of his 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, Born in New Rochelle, New York, Edward Hallisey proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy for eight years aboard a "tin can" carrier, patrolling the coast of Nova Scotia to the Caribbean island for enemy submarines; and

WHEREAS, Edward Hallisey was married to the love of his life, Fran, for more than 50 years, and together, they raised four children; and

WHEREAS, Edward Hallisey worked throughout Brewster and Danbury, Connecticut, as a civil engineer, and upon retiring, immediately began his second career as the ultimate volunteer; 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, As a life member of the Lake Carmel Fire Department since 1965, Edward Hallisey currently holds a position on the Lake Carmel Fire Police, and the Putnam County Fire Police Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Known as the man who never says no, Edward Hallisey has been an active participant of the RSVP Volunteer Medical Transportation Program for over 10 years, picking up seniors and transporting them to their medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, Approximately five years ago, Edward Hallisey became a member of the Friends of the Senior Citizens of Putnam County Board of Directors; in this capacity, he attends monthly meetings and participates in numerous events to raise funds for the Office for Senior Resources; and

WHEREAS, When Edward Hallisey is not helping someone, he loves to bake; trained at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, he enjoys baking dessert for over 400 seniors at the Annual Senior Picnic; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man truly feels privileged to give back to his community; his joyful smile lights up a room, and makes everyone around him happy; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 52 years of community service, a period of constructive involvement, Edward Hallisey has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his late wife, their four children, and seven grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, Edward Hallisey, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his 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 honor Edward Hallisey upon the occasion of his 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 Edward Hallisey.