

Senate Resolution No. 1842

BY: Senator CROCI

HONORING Lee Ann Brill upon the occasion of being named 2017 Ms. New York Senior America

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those musically talented individuals which have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lee Ann Brill upon the occasion of being named 2017 Ms. New York Senior America on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at SUNY Old Westbury in Old Westbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lee Ann Brill has a diverse background in music, musical theatre and cabaret; for many years, she owned, fronted and ran a successful band which performed throughout the tri-state area at numerous events; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 46, Lee Ann Brill decided to get back into the music business and follow her dreams by entering local singing competitions including the Brookhaven Town Talent Showcase, Eisenhower State Park Reach for the Stars and Long Island Idol WBLI; in addition, she auditioned for "America's Got Talent", "The Voice" and "X-Factor"; and

WHEREAS, Lee Ann Brill truly believes in giving back to her community; she has continued to sing at fundraisers and appeared at such causes as Parkinson's Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, Breast Cancer Walk for Beauty, and Children with Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Lee Ann Brill has performed at the Ronkonkoma Memorial Day Ceremonies each year, the Long Island Assisted Living Veterans Home in Stony Brook, New York for their Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Day ceremonies and their Veterans Graduation Day; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to these causes, Lee Ann Brill has received commendations for her support to Jacobs Light Foundation and continued support of the military and their families by the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, For her renowned talents, Lee Ann Brill was chosen and opened for the Vets Rock concert held at the Amphitheater/Bald Hill and sang the National Anthem at Citipark Stadium for the Long Island Ducks as well as for the Inauguration Ceremony for Ed Romaine; and

WHEREAS, In her free time, Lee Ann Brill enjoys writing lyrics and music; two of these songs were picked up by independent films; and

WHEREAS, Excited to share her gift of music and voice, Lee Ann Brill is proud to inspire women 60 years of age and older to believe in themselves, remain active in their careers and continue to reach for their dreams; and

WHEREAS, With her zest for life, Lee Ann Brill will no doubt inspire other senior women to pursue their dreams; this exceptional woman believes people do not have to stop living life when they reach a certain age, and that it is important to touch lives and be the positive change we want to see in our world, while paying it forward by giving back; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lee Ann Brill upon the occasion of being named 2017 Ms. New York Senior America by New York Senior America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lee Ann Brill.