

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**COMMEMORATING** the 60th Anniversary of the Parkway  
Center on December 3, 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,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those organizations which provide essential care and supportive services for elderly and disabled people, and serve to enhance the quality of life for our loved ones; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Parkway Center, to be celebrated at its Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club, New York Mills, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Located in Utica, New York, the Parkway Center is a private not-for-profit organization, whose mission is to provide programs and services to individuals 50 years and older, empowering them to live healthy and vibrant lives; and

**WHEREAS,** The Parkway Center's history dates back to 1957, and has gone through several consolidations, with the most recent in 2005, when the Cornhill Senior Center and ElderLife, Inc. merged to form the Parkway Senior Center; in 2013, the name changed to the Parkway Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, this vital organization provides services to more than 1,000 individuals annually at its main location on Memorial Parkway, and to over 1,200 individuals at various locations throughout Oneida and Herkimer Counties; and

**WHEREAS,** The Parkway Center strives to provide programs which will enable its seniors to remain active and independent as they age, some of which include: health, wellness and nutrition; education; arts/music; social/recreation; financial independence; volunteer services; veteran services; and access to resources; and

**WHEREAS,** Over its distinguished 60 year history, the Parkway Center has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of the Parkway Center 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 the Parkway Center; and

**WHEREAS,** In light of its commitment, dedication and successful efforts, it is the custom of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to the Parkway Center of Utica, New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Parkway Center on December 3, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Parkway Center.