

**BY:** Senator KENNEDY

**HONORING** Maureen L. Fecio upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Tara Award by the Daughters of Erin

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

**WHEREAS,** From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Maureen L. Fecio upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Tara Award by the Daughters of Erin to be celebrated at the 169th Annual Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Dinner on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at the Buffalo Irish Center; and

**WHEREAS,** The esteemed Tara Award is given annually to an individual who promotes the Daughters of Erin, assists the Knights of Equity in their endeavors, takes part in Catholic action, fosters Americanism, and promotes Irish culture; and

**WHEREAS,** Born to Betty and the late Bill Leary, Maureen Fecio attended St. Martin's Grammar School; she went on to earn both her associate's degree and nursing degree, specializing in obstetrics; shortly after graduation, she began her distinguished career as the youngest Head Nurse at Mercy Hospital; and

**WHEREAS,** After 20 years, Maureen L. Fecio returned to school to obtain her certification as a nurse practitioner in both women's health and adult health; seeing a need in her community for better women's services, she was essential in attaining the New York State Department of Health grant to establish the OB/GYN Center at Mercy Hospital, and subsequently, took on the role as the Center's Clinical Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, Maureen L. Fecio furthered her education and obtained certification as a nationally recognized Childbirth Educational Specialist, international board certified Lactation Consultant, and a New York State certified HIV/AIDS Counselor; and

**WHEREAS,** For her dedication and professionalism, Maureen L. Fecio has received numerous awards and accolades including Mount Mercy Academy's first Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumnae Award, Trocaire College's Distinguished Alumni Award, the Mercy Hospital's CARE Award and the Employee of the Year Award, and was named a South Buffalonian by the **South Buffalo News**; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her career, Maureen L. Fecio has been a vital and lifelong member of many organizations such as the Daughters of Erin, the Ladies of Kincora, the GAAA and the Town of Tonawanda Irish American Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Maureen L. Fecio has served as a member of the Board of Directors of numerous organizations, such as McAuley House, Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Task Force, Kenmore Mercy Women's Health and Trocaire College Alumni; and

**WHEREAS,** With her throughout have been her loving husband, Jack Fecio, their two children, Jennifer (Alex) McDougall and John (Christina) Fecio III, as well as their two grandchildren, Maeve and Madeline, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

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

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 Maureen L. Fecio upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2017 Tara Award by the Daughters of Erin; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maureen L. Fecio.