

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Lincoln Peirce upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Denise McCoy Legacy Award

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lincoln Peirce upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Denise McCoy Legacy Award, to be celebrated on Tuesday, January 24, 2016, at the Fort Orange Club, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Denise McCoy Legacy Award was created to honor Denise McCoy and her legacy of promoting literacy to community youth; she was the former owner of the Bookmark in Latham, a bookstore specializing in children's literature, and an avid supporter of 15-LOVE's literacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Denise McCoy Legacy Award honors the author of the previous year's most humorous children's book as selected by the members of the Upper Hudson Library Council and the Denise McCoy Legacy Award Committee; the Denise McCoy Legacy Award benefits Kids Lit Events and the Denise McCoy Scholarship Fund that provides financial scholarships to 15-LOVE participants who are attending a higher education institution; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Peirce is the cartoonist and writer behind the comic strip "Big Nate", which is currently printed in over 400 newspapers, including the Washington Post and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Lincoln Peirce has written and illustrated a book series based on the comic strips that are New York Times Best-selling Novels; they have been honored by the American Library Association, the Children's Book Council, and the American Booksellers Association; and

WHEREAS, At the beginning of his career, Lincoln Peirce was an art instructor and baseball coach at Xavier High School in Manhattan; he left the education field to begin his cartooning profession; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Peirce currently lives in Portland, Maine with his wife, Jessica and his two children; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Lincoln Peirce's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lincoln Peirce upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Denise McCoy Legacy Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lincoln Peirce.