

Assembly Resolution No. 1235

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COMMENDING William Hart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 22, 2018

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 commend William Hart 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 22, 2018, 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, William Hart proudly served his country as a medic in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Schenectady County Community College, William Hart began his long and distinguished career as a nurse at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Hart then served as a nurse for the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York, a medical purchasing agent for Corporate Health Dimensions, and as a Customer Service Supervisor for Southwest Airlines before officially retiring in 2012; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman 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, For more than 30 years, William Hart has served as a volunteer for various veteran service organizations; he is an active member of AMVETS Post 35, and was a driver for the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans; and

WHEREAS, William Hart also raises funds for youth scholarship programs, helps local aging veterans find services, and introduces children to the veterans who live in their community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with veterans, William Hart established the Clowns on Rounds Program where he visits children as Snappy the Clown; he finds great joy in bringing a little happiness and laughter to the patients in the local children's hospital; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Glenn Davis has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Kathy, their two children, and their four 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 William Hart has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, William Hart, 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 commend William Hart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Hart.