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HONORING Pat Gould upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pat Gould upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorkers Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 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, This esteemed woman has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Hudson Falls, New York, Pat Gould moved to Fort Ann, New York, where she raised her six children; for 30 years, she served as a Principal Examiner for Temporary Assistance at Washington County Department of Social Services before retiring in May of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Pat Gould is an active member of the Methodist Church, where she works at numerous church events such as chicken barbecues, bake sales and Christmas craft sales; and

WHEREAS, Pat Gould is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone; she delivers food to housebound residents, and visits people in nursing homes, rehab or the hospital; and

WHEREAS, This kind and generous woman also donates warm hats and mittens to school children, and prepares health kits and flood buckets to help people during the aftermath of a natural disaster; in addition, she collects food for local food pantries, assists with various fundraisers, and served as a representative of the Methodist Church's Annual Troy Conference, now known as the Upper New York Conference; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Pat Gould has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, When she is not helping someone, Pat Gould enjoys attending her grandchildren's school activities and listening to her great-grandson play the violin; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her six children, Mike, Nanette, David, Brian, Paul, and Eliot; 23 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom have shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, Pat Gould, a very active and industrious woman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those she serves through her 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 honor Pat Gould upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 9, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Pat Gould.