

Senate Resolution No. 1551

BY: Senator ORTT

COMMENDING former Senator Catharine M. Young for her illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to public service and the pursuit of excellence in the conduct of the legislative process in this noble Empire State; Catharine M. Young is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend former Senator Catharine M. Young for her illustrious service as a dedicated political leader and strong advocate for the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Senator Catharine M. Young was elected to represent the Western New York residents of the 57nd Senate District, where she served with honor and distinction from 2005 until 2019; she first served as a New York State Assemblywoman from 1999-2005; and

WHEREAS, Senator Catharine M. Young was the first woman to Chair the Senate Standing Committee on Finance; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to serving all New Yorkers, Senator Catharine M. Young championed Kendra's Law which enables people with mental illnesses who are in danger to themselves or others to receive the treatment they need; and

WHEREAS, Catharine M. Young resides in Olean, New York, with her husband, Richard, and together they are the proud parents of three children and the loving grandparents of one grandchild; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to reflect upon those outstanding individuals who have made everlasting contributions on behalf of their fellow man and have truly left their mark on this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and applaud the many accomplishments of former Senator Catharine M. Young, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to former New York State Senator Catharine M. Young.