

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**HONORING** Paula Pierro upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany on April 21, 2018

**WHEREAS**, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Pierro has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Paula Pierro upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, to be celebrated at its Annual Visionary Gala, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Franklin Plaza Ballroom, Troy, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1908, the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany (NABA) has provided comprehensive services and programs to residents of the greater Capital Region who are blind or visually impaired; in 2016, they helped over 900 individuals of all ages across 14 counties adapt to vision loss, maximize remaining vision, achieve their goals, and expand their independence; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition, NABA offered screenings to over 4,000 children between 18 months and five years of age for possible vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Pierro became involved with NABA 15 years ago after reaching out for assistance when her mother was diagnosed with macular degeneration; and

**WHEREAS**, Impressed with the dedication of NABA's staff and volunteers, Paula Pierro had an immediate desire to be a part of it; and

**WHEREAS**, The care, compassion, and guidance which NABA gives to those with vision loss is extraordinary, and Paula Pierro has tirelessly devoted herself to this worthy cause; and

**WHEREAS**, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping those in need, Paula Pierro, through her job as Events Coordinator/Brand Representative at Glennpeter Diamond Centre, has also coordinated countless events, raising significant funds for local charities and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, With her throughout have been her husband of 25 years, Lou, and their three children, Victoria, Jordan and Cameron, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

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

**WHEREAS,** It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Paula Pierro, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Paula Pierro upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany on April 21, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paula Pierro.