

**BY:** Senator BRESLIN

**HONORING** Sister Patricia Lynch, RSM upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Hope and Hospitality Award by Circles of Mercy on June 13, 2018

**WHEREAS,** The character and richness of religious and community life in this noble Empire State are nourished and fulfilled through the faithful concern and selfless devotion of those who commit their energies and purpose to the ministry of others; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to bring full recognition and just tribute to individuals who distinguish themselves and the ministry through their unremitting commitment and preeminence of service; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sister Patricia Lynch, RSM upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Hope and Hospitality Award by the Circles of Mercy, to be celebrated at its Annual Gala "A Taste of Mercy" on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at the Shaker Ridge Country Club in Loudonville, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Circles of Mercy, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community by working to end the cycle of poverty, especially among women and women with children; and

**WHEREAS,** This vital organization honors the dignity of each person by offering hospitality and providing services, compassion, stewardship, leadership and collaboration, which is performed in an effort to instill hope and empower individuals to reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS,** Established in 2004, the Hope and Hospitality Award is presented annually to someone in the local community who exemplifies the charism of the Sisters of Mercy; the recipient lives a merciful life, demonstrated by the sharing of their time, talent and treasure, in support of the Sisters of Mercy and their sponsored ministry, Circles of Mercy; and

**WHEREAS,** Sister Patricia Lynch entered the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in September of 1963; three years later, she began her 52-year career in education as a 2nd grade teacher with Christ the King School; for the next 10 years, she served as a 2nd grade teacher for St. Mary's Clinton Heights, and then Vincentian Grade School; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1978, Sister Patricia Lynch moved from the classroom into administration; for 23 years she held the title of Principal for St. Mary's Clinton Heights; for another year, she was the Principal for St. Jude the Apostle; since 2002, she has served as the Principal of Blessed Sacrament School, the position from which she will officially retire on June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** This distinguished woman of God has always given enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to her care and has administered abundantly and unstintingly to the spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sister Patricia Lynch, RSM upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Hope and Hospitality Award by Circles of Mercy on June 13, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sister Patricia Lynch, RSM.