

Senate Resolution No. 1397

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**HONORING** Kathleen LaMoreaux upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 21, 2019

**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 Kathleen LaMoreaux 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 21, 2019, 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,** Kathleen LaMoreaux has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and, consequently, has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Affectionately known as Kate, Kathleen LaMoreaux began her illustrious career teaching in West Irondequoit and continued in Watkins Glen Central Schools where she taught English and coached the Girls' Swim Team, amassing an impressive record of wins and state titles; and

**WHEREAS,** As a 4-H leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, and a member of the CASA Board, Kathleen LaMoreaux has been able to continue working with children outside of the classroom; since 1973, she has been the Program Director and Instructor for the American Red Cross Summer Swim Program in which thousands of Schuyler County children and adults have learned to swim; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Kathleen LaMoreaux volunteers for CareFirst, the Office for the Aging Advisory Council, the Lions Club, St. James Episcopal Church as a Senior Warden, and the Watkins-Montour Lions Club as an active member and past President; and

**WHEREAS,** As an avid hammered dulcimer player, Kathleen LaMoreaux also volunteers her musical talents to local organizational fundraisers and events; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathleen LaMoreaux stays connected to her former students directing and organizing the annual Summer Swim Program; she currently leads 19 staff members including teen volunteers who are training to become swim instructors; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, she is a Certified Swim Official in New York State and has educated thousands of children on how to swim while promoting water safety; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathleen LaMoreaux is a member of the Watkins Glen High School Section IV Athletic and Schuyler County Halls of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** A lifetime resident of New York State, Kathleen LaMoreaux graduated from Watkins Glen High School before earning a bachelor's degree from SUNY Cortland and a master's degree in education from Elmira College; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathleen and David LaMoreaux were united in marriage in 1970, and together they raised two sons, Peter and Philip; today, she is the proud grandmother of four grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Kathleen LaMoreaux has displayed throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathleen LaMoreaux has enriched the lives of her family, friends and colleagues through her love and respect for others, and through the wisdom which comes from many years of living life to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kathleen LaMoreaux upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 21, 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen LaMoreaux.