

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Gregory Barulich upon the occasion of his 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 Gregory Barulich upon the occasion of his 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, Born in Manhattan, New York, young Gregory Barulich could often be found on the golf course or reading in a used bookstore; after graduating from high school, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Gregory Barulich worked as a Senior Project Engineer-Distinguished Associate with Corning Inc. for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Gregory Barulich has been an enthusiastic volunteer with the Chemung Volunteer Action Corps, donating his time and energies working with the American Red Cross and his church; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gregory Barulich enjoys sharing his passion for reading with first graders at Pine City Elementary School, and both Cornell Cooperative Extension's Ag Literacy Week and Summer Literacy/Learning Program; he truly loves to be around young people and is always ready and willing to accept a hug from any child; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife of 31 years, Christine, their four children, and six grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an

individual for the benefit of others which Gregory Barulich has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Barulich, a very active and industrious gentleman, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his 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 Gregory Barulich upon the occasion of his 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 Gregory Barulich.