

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Vernon Tryon 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 Vernon Tryon 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, Vernon Tryon embodies the true meaning of volunteering with his compassion and dedication to make society a better place to live; he is a true humanitarian with his work with Oswego Rotary Club and The Salvation Army Corps; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Tryon can be seen in the forefront of any project, whether it is bringing clean water to developing countries or helping eradicate polio; he is always the first to volunteer with his time, resources and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 21, 1936, in the small town of Boylston, New York, Vernon Tryon grew up on the farm on which his father worked; he graduated from Philadelphia High School and attended the State University of New York at Oswego; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Tryon has lived most of his life in New York except for when he attended the University of Maryland, where he earned a master's degree; and

WHEREAS, His first experience with volunteerism was at the church he attended while living in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Vernon and his wife, June, made their home in Oswego, New York, where he pursued his career as a Professor in Technology for

almost 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Vernon Tryon resides at Springside at Seneca Hill Independent Living where he is President of the Resident Council; he and June have been married for 59 years and together they are the proud parents of two sons, and the loving grandparents of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Tryon, considering his 60 years of volunteerism, has these words of wisdom for anyone looking to volunteer; "First, determine what you are passionate about and if an organization mission/goals complement your beliefs. Second, make sure you have the time to devote to the organization Third, call the organizations you might be interested in to discuss volunteering with them."; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Vernon Tryon has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Tryon, a very active and industrious man, 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 Vernon Tryon 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 Vernon Tryon.