Senate Resolution No. 1064

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING David J. Balestrini upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award at the 7th Annual Lake Placid Community Day celebration on June 1, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David J. Balestrini upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award at the 7th Annual Lake Placid Community Day celebration on Sunday, June 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lake Placid Community Day, a joint venture of the Lake Placid/North Elba Community Development Commission and the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism, is a day that honors those who go above and beyond to enhance the quality of life in the local community for residents and visitors alike; and

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

WHEREAS, The desire to serve has always been strong for David J. Balestrini, resulting in him becoming a founding member of Lake Placid Cub Scout Pack 110 in 1998; throughout his tenure, he ranked to Cub Master and Assistant Scout Master of Lake Placid Troop 110, and he was responsible for leading weekly meetings and helping scouts promote to Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, David J. Balestrini is a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry, and he has utilized his skills and knowledge to uniquely serve his neighbors; with his team, he has provided complimentary examinations and dental sealants to countless kids through school visits and Free Sealant Day during National Children's Dental Health Month, and he provided affordable dental services to the Uihlein/Elderwood Care Facility from 1998 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, Further demonstrating his selfless spirit, David J. Balestrini served on active duty in the United States Navy Dental Corp taking care of active duty service members and their families from May 1989, to May 1992, and he was deployed to Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf war in Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime of service to others, David J. Balestrini has given his time and energies to countless organizations,

including the Lake Placid Lions Club, American Legion Post 326, Ironman Lake Placid, and the Lake Placid Outing Club, which he oversaw as chairman of the board from 2015 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, David J. Balestrini's dental practice has supported several local organizations such as the NYSEF, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, The Young and Fun Series at LPCA, Adirondack Health Foundation, Lake Placid/North Elba Historical Society, Lake Placid Barbecue Fest, and many other youth events and organizations throughout the area with financial sponsorships, memberships, and general participation; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of individuals such as David J. Balestrini who uphold the values of community life and who, through their great actions, epitomize the best of humanity; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David J. Balestrini upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award at the 7th Annual Lake Placid Community Day celebration on June 1, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David J. Balestrini.