Assembly Resolution No. 1596

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HONORING the recipients of the LeadingAge New York 2026 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Awards

WHEREAS, Employees of New York's not-for-profit, mission-driven and public provider organizations strive to improve the quality of life for New York's older adults and individuals with disabilities or medically complex conditions, thereby meriting the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to congratulate the activity aides, directors, nursing assistants, plant operations managers, social workers, environmental services workers, dining professionals, housekeepers, recreation therapy leaders, program development managers, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and support aides, and other critical members of the workforce who have been nominated by their peers, supervisors and management personnel to receive this recognition; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1961, LeadingAge New York, formerly the New York Association of Homes & Services for the Aging, under the leadership of Sebrina Barrett, serves as the only statewide organization representing the entire continuum of not-for-profit, mission-driven and public senior living and aging services, including nursing homes, home care agencies, senior housing, retirement communities, assisted living, adult care facilities, adult day health care and managed long term care; and

WHEREAS, LeadingAge New York's over 350 not-for-profit, mission-driven and public provider members serve an estimated 500,000 New Yorkers of all ages annually; and

WHEREAS, LeadingAge New York's Long Term Care Employee of Distinction program recognizes those who demonstrate exceptional commitment to delivering high-quality services and care to those who need it; and

WHEREAS, This year's recipients of recognition include: Crystal Stead, St. Margaret's Center; Tia Stewart, Valley Health Services, Inc; Michelle Turner, St. Francis Commons; Kennedy Nunoo, Cabrini of Westchester; Laura Queen, New York State Veterans Home at Montrose; Josephine Richter, Elizabeth Seton Children's Center; Nicole DeVita, Island Nursing and Rehab Center; Kurt Bartholomew, New York City Health + Hospitals/McKinney; Nancy Medina, The New Jewish Home; Jasmine Slater Small, New York City Health + Hospitals/Gouverneur; Mark Bianchi, Rochester Regional Health; Melanie Eisenberg, FFT Senior Communities Inc.; Carley Moses, Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic Extended Care, Rochester Regional Health; Christine Stallworth, Jewish Home; Sarah Davis, New York State Veterans Home at Oxford; Mary E. King, The Brothers of Mercy Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the dedicated individuals across New York State who consistently demonstrate exemplary service and dedication to their jobs, residents and consumers, making them worthy of recognition by LeadingAge New York's 2026 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each of the recipients of the LeadingAge New York 2026 Long Term Care Employee of Distinction Awards.