

Assembly Resolution No. 501

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HONORING John Moffat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 27, 2025

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 John Moffat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorker's Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-The Desmond in 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, With more than an impressive decade of volunteerism under his belt, John Moffat has logged over 2,000 hours with the AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program; and

WHEREAS, A Vietnam Navy veteran and recipient of the National Defense and Navy Good Conduct Medals, John Moffat brought his expertise and skills to the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park where he began as a docent providing inclusive tours--including personalized experiences for visitors with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Now serving as volunteer coordinator, John Moffat has expanded the park's volunteer program by recruiting volunteers of all ages, launching open houses, orientations, and creating training manuals to enhance the visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, Through his work at the park, John Moffat has utilized his leadership skills to ensure that future generations are able to connect with the stories of our nation's heroes and their service is preserved; and

WHEREAS, John Moffat has found his volunteer work to be an incredibly rewarding and deeply fulfilling experience; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an

individual for the benefit of others which John Moffat has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, John Moffat, 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 John Moffat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 27, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Moffat.