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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Big Cross Street Elementary School in Glens Falls, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the children of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Big Cross Street Elementary School in Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Glens Falls City School District is to provide a safe, positive and stimulating environment -- one that fosters self-growth, a passion for continuous learning, confidence and the ability to succeed in a changing world; the District also promotes excellence through high expectations and evolving standards for students, staff, parents and the community; in addition, the primary focus is to reach one's personal best while respecting each person's individuality; and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1911, the Glens Falls City School District Board of Education and Superintendent Elbert W. Griffith decided to construct a three-room school on Big Cross Street; Miss Ruth V. Riley served as the first Principal of Big Cross Street Elementary School when it opened in the fall of 1912; and

WHEREAS, Miss Riley also taught first grade at Big Cross Street Elementary School; two other teachers were employed at the school including Mary E. Mead and Grace M. Rice, who taught first and second grades, and third and fourth grades, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The schools of a community reflect the character and values of that community; the residents, school officials, parents, faculty and students of Big Cross Street Elementary School may, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, take just pride in its history of quality in leadership, teaching, achievement and community support; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Big Cross Street Elementary School has expanded its facilities and enrollment; ground was broken in the

spring of 1997 for a new multimedia center (a new library adjoining a computer lab), five new classrooms and an extension to the gym, along with many updated mechanical improvements; in the early 2000s, the Big Cross PTA raised funds to build the new playground, which is in current use today; and

WHEREAS, Having attended Big Cross Street Elementary School as a child, Ms. Debbie Hall has ably served as its Principal since 2008; she currently leads 53 faculty and staff members who serve nearly 250 students in grades K-4; and

WHEREAS, Big Cross Street Elementary School is proudly aware of its distinguished past; eager to fulfill its commitment to parents, students and community; and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Big Cross Street Elementary School upon the auspicious occasion of its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Debbie Hall, Principal of the Big Cross Street Elementary School in Glens Falls, New York.