

## **2023-K2254**

Assembly Resolution No. 2254

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COMMEMORATING the 2024 Alba Life School's Festival  
and Graduation

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 2024 Alba Life School's Festival and Graduation; and

WHEREAS, The importance of community, respect, integrity, compassion, and the value of education cannot be understated in the molding of today's youth- the next generation of leaders; Alba Life School epitomizes these principles, putting them to practice each and every day, resulting in a meaningful, well-rounded education for every student who passes through its doors; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators, and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of Alba Life School; and

WHEREAS, The Alba Life School implements its Albanian language

tradition learning program in all neighborhoods of New York in public school classrooms and online, as well as teaching history, culture, traditions, legends, dance, and folk songs from various parts of Albania and Kosova; classes are taught by qualified teachers, most of them are licensed in both Albania and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Albanian immigrants and spouses, Qemal and Kozeta Zylo, founded the channel Alba Life TV in February of 2007, and the Alba Life School in May of 2007; it was of the utmost importance to Mr. and Mrs. Zylo to create Alba Life since thousands of Albanian-American children in the Diaspora were being assimilated and not speaking the Albanian language; and

WHEREAS, In working to foster community and cultural pride, the Alba Life School celebrates holidays with special programs open to parents and the community, including the Independence Day of Albania and Kosova, the End-of-Year holidays, Teacher's Day, the Festival of Albanian Schools, and the closing of the academic year; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st century, Alba Life School stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, to foster cultural enrichment, and build skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; and

WHEREAS, The success of Alba Life School is in direct correlation to the efforts of its esteemed educators and staff members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive

commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution, students, and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, it is with great honor that this Legislative Body recognizes the follow individuals for their unrelenting commitment to investing in our State and Nation's most precious resource, our youth: Qemal Zylo, Founder and Director of Albanian TV and School "Alba Life"; Dr. Valbona Zylo Watkins, Director of Curriculum; Kozeta Zylo, Coordinator and teacher; and teachers, Entela Muda, Elona Shkreta, Gresila Basha, Rozeta Hyseni, Fatlinda Gashi, Erinda Isufaj, Helena Lubonja Ujkaj, Albana Lazri, Vjollca Skenderaj, and Mehrije Shala in Outreach; and

WHEREAS, The Alba Life School is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students, and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and flow of growth and positive change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorating the 2024 Alba Life School's Festival and Graduation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alba Life School.