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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Albany Community Charter School upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Albany Community Charter School upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Albany Community Charter School prepares students for a life-time of opportunity by helping them master a standards-based curriculum focused on literacy and other foundational knowledge; and

WHEREAS, By aligning the efforts of all members of the school community, student, parent, teacher, principal, board, and civic organizations, Albany Community Charter School dramatically increases the chances students will be prepared to succeed when they move on to middle school, high school, college, and into the workforce; to achieve that goal, the learning community at the school emphasizes achievement, respect, and positive behavior; and

WHEREAS, Albany Community Charter School has brought great credit upon itself as a public charter school in Albany's South End, and it is appropriate at this time to applaud the school for its outstanding academic achievements and extend to it special honors and the highest commendations; and

WHEREAS, Albany Community Charter School was authorized by the State University of New York Board of Regents in 2005 and its charge was to

provide a top-quality educational option to families in the South End;
and

WHEREAS, Within three years, Albany Community Charter School established itself as an academically rigorous charter school at which the entire community, particularly the parents, actively participate in the school's success; and

WHEREAS, Neal Currie, who has been with Albany Community Charter School since its inception, currently serves as the Principal; his keen vision and leadership appropriately serves as a model for the school; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Community Charter School teaching staff is dedicated to ensuring that their students receive a high-quality education which prepares them for a lifetime full of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, In the 2008-2009 school year, Albany Community Charter School administered the New York State Testing Program for the first time; 100% of the third grade class achieved a score of "Proficient" or "Above Proficient" on the 2009 New York State math assessment; in addition, 97% of the third grade class achieved a score of "Proficient" or "Above Proficient" on the 2009 New York State English Language Arts assessment; and

WHEREAS, This major accomplishment stands as a resolute testimony to Albany Community Charter School's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Albany Community Charter School upon the occasion of its designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Neal Currie, Principal, Albany Community Charter School.