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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dora Fowler upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Catskill Regional Teacher Center on May 5, 2009

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dora Fowler upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Catskill Regional Teacher Center at its 25th Annual Meeting and National Teacher Day Celebration to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the Upper Catskills Community Council for Arts Building, Oneonta, New York; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Dora Fowler has the distinct honor of being the oldest public school teacher in New York State and the second longest continually employed public school teacher in New York State history; and

WHEREAS, For more than 58 years, Dora Fowler has diligently served countless students, parents, teachers, staff and community members, but mere years of service do not begin to measure her extraordinary contributions to Roxbury Central School in Delaware County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dora Fowler was hired by the Roxbury Central School on September 1, 1950; she earned her Bachelor's degree at the State University College of Oneonta in 1943; she also received her "Elementary Common Branch" certificate on September 1, 1954 with a 7-12 English extension on February 1, 1970; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dora Fowler obtained her Master of Education degree from SUNY Oneonta on May 30, 1970, and received the prestigious honor of being designated the Teacher of the Year in 2001 by Walmart;

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WHEREAS, During her esteemed tenure with Roxbury Central School, Dora Fowler has taught on both the elementary and secondary levels; today, she teaches remedial grammar and writing to fifth and sixth graders and provides help when needed with middle level English language art classes; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Dora Fowler provide a tremendous service to the future of our state and nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Dora Fowler has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Roxbury Central School for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Dora Fowler has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Roxbury, New York, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits the recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dora Fowler upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the Catskill Regional Teacher Center, and for her signif-

icant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dora Fowler.