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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Beth Boron upon the occasion of receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce on April 29, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Beth Boron upon the occasion of receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Beth Boron will be honored at the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce's 44th Annual Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet to be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, A woman of singular distinction, Beth Boron has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to both her profession and community; and

WHEREAS, Beth Boron is currently a kindergarten teacher at Sidway Elementary School but has taught in all three elementary schools on Grand Island; she began her teaching career of 32 years in Buffalo, New York; and after three years came back to her hometown of Grand Island, where she has been teaching ever since; and

WHEREAS, Raised on Grand Island, Beth Boron attended Huth Road Elementary, VCMS, and GIHS; she earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from State University College at Buffalo in 1978, and her

Master's degree in Early Childhood in 1986; she has also completed more than 30 postmasters hours, as she feels it is important to continue to learn and grow as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Beth Boron was hired by Grand Island when the district began a 6/10-day kindergarten; she also taught split session and full-day kindergarten; in between, she spent time teaching 3rd grade at Kaegebein and 4th grade at Huth; in 2003, along with special ed teacher Mary Kopf, she helped develop and then piloted the first 2nd grade inclusion class at Huth Road School; most recently, she taught 3rd grade, and now is back where she began at Sidway; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her esteemed career, Beth Boron has been involved in many school organizations, some of which include Shared Decision Making Teams, PTSAs of all five schools, APPR Committee, Report Card Committee, numerous interview committees, Instrumental Boosters, Odyssey of the Mind, Senior Celebration Committee, and chaperone for numerous GHHS band trips; she has also written or adapted many plays, which have been performed by her students; and

WHEREAS, Together with her colleague Marge Benevento, Beth Boron presented a workshop entitled "Math on the Move" at the Niagara Frontier Reading Council's summer workshop at University at Buffalo; more recently she has been able to share her passion for teaching as a teacher mentor at Huth Road School; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her efforts of in-depth magnitude, Beth Boron has received numerous awards, including Who's Who Among American Teachers, WBEN Educator of the Week, PTA Life Member, and was a two-time recipient of the Celebration of Inspiration; and

WHEREAS, Despite her busy professional life, Beth Boron has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Beth Boron has been the Relay for Life team captain of Team Huth since Relay began on Grand Island 6 years ago; with her amazing

fellow Huth Road teachers and students, their 'spirited' team has won numerous awards; she also volunteers at AIDS Community Services and has been a featured speaker at several events; and

WHEREAS, As a lifelong member of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Beth Boron currently sings in the Adult Choir, directs the Youth Choir, is the musical director of the Christmas Pageant, and leads the guitar group; she has also served in diocesan leadership roles, including the Youth Commission and Senior High Summer Camp Dean of Women; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Beth Boron has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Eric, and their three children, Andy, Caroline and Allison, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Beth Boron has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the wellbeing and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Beth Boron upon the occasion of receiving the Citizen of the Year Award from the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce on April 29, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Beth Boron.