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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Big Apple Academy on earning State Education Department approval to open and operate a high school division, the Big Apple Academy High School

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to congratulate the Big Apple Academy on earning State Education Department approval to open and operate a high school division, the Big Apple Academy High School; and

WHEREAS, The Big Apple Academy is ably guided by its Principal, Vlad Gorny, who came to the United States from Russia in 1989 and was Assistant Principal of Yeshiva Shearit Israel in Brooklyn until 1992, when he opened the first Bambi Daycare Center; and

WHEREAS, As the Bambi children grew, the Daycare Center evolved into the Big Apple Academy, a private, coeducational school comprised of an Elementary School serving children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 and a Junior High School serving students in Grades 6 through 8; and

WHEREAS, The Big Apple Academy is now, in turn, proudly further evolving to include the Big Apple Academy High School, serving students in Grades 9 through 12; and

WHEREAS, The Big Apple Academy is well-known and highly regarded for providing academic excellence in a multicultural community with a very diverse population and for the reputation it has developed for its students consistently earning honors in such academic competitions as the National Math League Olympics and the National Language Arts Olympics; and

WHEREAS, The Big Apple Academy High School will build on these enduring traditions with an academic program which will offer its students

two educational directions or majors, Mathematics and Science and Humanities and Law; courses in all the required disciplines; Advanced Placement courses and the opportunity, in Grades 11 and 12, to take courses at local partnering colleges; laptops at each student's workplace and other state-of-the-art technology and teaching methods; and WHEREAS, The Big Apple Academy High School is to be commended as well for the other priorities it has established for its educational and instructional programs; these include highly qualified, licensed and experienced teachers; small classes; student safety; student health; organized extracurricular hours; the development of leadership skills and personal responsibility; and instruction based on trust and respect; and

WHEREAS, Our schools and the dedicated individuals who work day after day to nurture our children, our most precious resource, play an integral part in preparing our young people for their futures and in the future of our State and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Big Apple Academy on earning State Education Department approval to open and operate a high school division, the Big Apple Academy High School, fully confident it will inspire generations of young people in their educational journeys and will help to ensure their future success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Vlad Gorny, Principal of the new Big Apple Academy High School, Big Apple Educational Center, 2937 86th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11223.