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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Helen Davis upon the occasion of her retirement after many distinguished years as an educator

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 acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of 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 honor Helen Davis upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated service in education; a retirement party will be held in her honor on Friday, May 14, 2010, The Friars Table, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Helen Davis received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia, and an M.Ed. from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, This inspirational teacher has been with the Buffalo Board of Education since 1999; presently, Helen Davis teaches Business in the International Studies Program at Bennett High School, and has also taught at Seneca Vocational High School and Grover Cleveland High School; and

WHEREAS, Because Helen Davis traveled with her husband while he was a member of the United States Army, she has taught in many locations in the United States and abroad, including cities in Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Louisiana and in Germany; her experience encompasses teaching at the high school and the community college level; and

WHEREAS, Helen Davis is a member of the Orchard Park Chorale, Alpha Kappa Alpha Society, the Buffalo Investment Club and a member of the Board of Directors for the Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she is a congregant of St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church and serves as a Eucharistic Minister for the homebound; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Helen Davis 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, Helen Davis has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Buffalo, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Felton L. Davis who is Assistant Council Commissioner for recruiting and who also serves as a Unit Commander for the Boy Scouts of America, and their two daughters, Tonya and Nicole, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Helen Davis upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated service in education, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Davis.