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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Yonkers Public School Superintendent Bernard P. Pierorazio upon the occasion of being named the New York State School Superintendent of the Year by the New York State Council of School Superintendents

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those illustrious individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to the pursuit of excellence in education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Yonkers Public School Superintendent Bernard P. Pierorazio upon the occasion of being named the New York State School Superintendent of the Year by the New York State Council of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, Currently serving as Superintendent of the Yonkers Public Schools, the fourth largest district in New York State, Bernard Pierorazio formerly served as Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Principal of Saunders Trades and Technical High School, which under his leadership became a United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence as well as a New American High School; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Pierorazio, a graduate of the Yonkers Public Schools District, continued his studies at Central Connecticut State University, the College of New Rochelle, and Iona College, earning degrees in History, Special Education and Administration and Supervision; with strong community loyalty and dedication to education, he returned to his native Yonkers, working as a teacher, dean and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Pierorazio has received numerous prestigious awards and recognitions that highlight his educational career and are testimony to his community commitment; some of these include: the Rotary Club of Yonkers Leadership in Education Award; the Boy Scouts of America Excel-

lence in Education Award; the American Congress of Italian Migration Educator of the Year Award; the Westchester Association of Hispanic Professionals Award; Eastchester Tuckahoe Lions' Club Man of the Year Award; and the New York Association for Continuing Community Education Lawrence Levin Professional Award; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Bernard Pierorazio's leadership and action as Superintendent of the Yonkers School District, the children's quality of education has dramatically improved; he is responsible for the development of the District's Five-Year Plan leading to unitary status and ending court-ordered desegregation, restructuring of middle schools resulting in increased Regents scores and graduation rates, increasing the number of high schools from five to nine, and increased parent involvement with student learning through Blackboard and mass telephone communication; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Pierorazio has served as the keynote speaker at many local, state and national conferences; he has also hosted and participated in numerous school-related programs for television stations including Yonkers public education station, WDMC, and Cablevision News 12; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Bernard Pierorazio 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, Bernard Pierorazio has had an enduring impact on the youth of the Yonkers Public School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Tina, his sons, Philip and Michael, as well as his parents, Joseph and Lillian, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his 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 Yonkers Public School Superintendent Bernard P. Pierorazio upon the occasion of being named the New York State School Superintendent of the Year by the New York State Council of School Superintendents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bernard P. Pierorazio, Yonkers Public School Superintendent.