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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jacqueline Foster upon the occasion of her retirement

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 Jacqueline "Jacki" Foster upon the occasion of her retirement on Thursday, October 6th at Pete's Downtown in Brooklyn Heights, New York; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Jacki Foster 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, Jacki Foster has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the New York City Department of Education, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Jacki Foster is a native of Brooklyn, but was raised on the Lower East Side of Manhattan; for the past 30 years, she has rendered extraordinary dedicated and committed service to the students, staff and parents of the New York City Department of Education as a teacher, staff developer, teacher trainer, Dean, Assistant Principal and Principal; she retired from the Department of Education on August 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Jacki Foster started her educational career working in day care; her first job with the New York City Department of Education was teaching at P.S. 44 which was the school she attended as a child in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Jacki Foster worked at P.S. 44 for three years before being appointed as a Math teacher at Clara Barton High School, where she worked for the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Jacki Foster became a Mentor for Supervisors in the Supervisory Support Program, a collaboration between the New York City Department of Education and the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Seward Park High School, Jacki Foster later attended Baruch College of the City University of New York; after getting married and moving to Brooklyn, she left school only to return five years later and graduated from Brooklyn College; 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 deliberation to honor Jacqueline Foster upon the occasion of her retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacqueline Foster.