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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Chatterton School's Parent Teacher Association upon the occasion of its Founder's Day Celebration on February 6, 2012 and applauding the honorees of the day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the children of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Chatterton School in Merrick, New York, an outstanding elementary school in the Merrick Union Free School District, is an institution of enduring commitment and exemplary tradition in educating the children of the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Chatterton School's Parent Teacher Association upon the occasion of its Founder's Day Celebration, this year celebrating its 115th Birthday, to be held at the school on February 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Founder's Day celebrates the birth of the Parent Teacher Association, whose motto is "every child, one voice"; on this annual special occasion, the Chatterton PTA honors parents, teachers, staff, and community members who have made a significant contribution and have continued to help Chatterton School's children in outstanding ways and proudly recognizes these special people at its annual February event; and

WHEREAS, The Chatterton School is fortunate to have the benefit of an involved and supportive Parent Teacher Association which works diligently to enhance and enrich programs at the school in order to strengthen the school's commitment to providing a broad and well-balanced education for all its students; and

WHEREAS, At its 2012 Founders Day Celebration, the Chatterton Parent

Teacher Association will proudly celebrate the contributions of those who have worked closely with the school and those whose extraordinary support has helped make the vision of a variety of vigorous programs at the school a reality; and

WHEREAS, Among those to be recognized on February 6, 2012 are Josephine Backus, Teacher Assistant; Dr. David Curtis, School Psychologist; Heather Fisher, Outgoing PTA President; Loni Stein, Co-Director of Chatterton On-Stage; Gina Stephens, 1st Grade Teacher; Ellen Widawsky, Librarian; and Shannon Wisniewski, 6th Grade Parent; and

WHEREAS, The schools of a community reflect the character and values of that community; the spirit, commitment and diligence of the Chatterton School's Parent Teacher Association clearly demonstrate the school's pride in its history of providing a quality education to the children of the community and the exceptional community support the school is grateful to have; and

WHEREAS, With the assistance of its Parent Teacher Association, the Chatterton School stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Chatterton School Parent Teacher Association upon the occasion of its Founder's Day Celebration on February 6, 2012, and to recognize, with appreciation, the honorees of the day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Chatterton School Parent Teacher Association and to Jose-

phine Backus, Dr. David Curtis, Heather Fisher, Loni Stein, Gina Stephens, Ellen Widawsky, and Shannon Wisniewski, the honorees of the day.