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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Lycee Francais de New York for its outstanding commitment to community service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Lycee Francais de New York for its outstanding commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, A Pre-Kindergarten through grade-12 school, the Lycee Francais de New York holds the unique distinction of being one of the most renowned international, bilingual and multicultural schools in New York; and

WHEREAS, The Lycee Francais de New York welcomes students from more than 50 nationalities, giving them an education based on academic excellence and personal growth; it educates them to become dynamic citizens, capable of playing an important role in the future of the world; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2002, the Lycee Francais de New York initiated a Community Service Program for its students; and

WHEREAS, Now in its 10th year, the Lycee Francais de New York Community Service Program is comprised of 650 students who complete over 10,500 hours of service per year in both the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Under the supervision of the Parks Department Volunteer Coordinator, over 125 sixth-graders volunteer regularly at John Jay Park on East 76th Street, doing whatever is needed including planting, raking, cleaning or weeding; and

WHEREAS, Every week, throughout the school term, 4 students volunteer

at the Epiphany Church on York Avenue and 75th Street at its Wednesday night dinners; altogether, nearly one-quarter of its middle and upper school population has volunteered at this soup kitchen; and

WHEREAS, In addition, students at the Lycee Francais de New York can often be found serving the community in numerous other capacities such as, working with seniors, tutoring other youth, working at veterans centers and homeless shelters, working with the mentally and physically disabled, helping preserve the environment and working at animal shelters, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, On an international level, many Lycee students spend their summers and school breaks volunteering in hospitals, soup kitchens, orphanages, and local schools in Lebanon, France, Morocco, Israel, Guatemala, Spain, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Argentina and other countries; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the Lycee Francais de New York continuously prepares boxes of used French language primary and secondary level text books of various subject areas to be transported to other countries in desperate need of instructional and reading materials; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, the students of the Lycee Francais de New York now stand honorably, with just pride in their accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by their teachers and parents; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when young people and institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Lycee Francais de New York for its outstanding commitment to community service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the Lycee Francais de New York.