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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Great Neck Union Free School District for 50 years of providing comprehensive Summer School/Enrichment and Summer Music Programs for the students of the district

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend education programs and institutions of commitment and high achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Great Neck Union Free School District for 50 years of providing a Summer School/Enrichment Program and Summer Music Program for the students of the district; and

WHEREAS, The district's 2012 Summer School/Enrichment Program and the 2012 Summer Music Program provided instructional classes for 810 students, a two percent increase over the previous year's enrollment and was also the eleventh year the district's academic intervention program was available; and

WHEREAS, In total, 85 courses were offered, of which 33 academic intervention courses were for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade and 34 were high school level enrichment courses; and WHEREAS, The Great Neck School District also offers New York State Regents Examinations during the summers; during summer 2012, 124 Regents Examinations and 12 Regents Competency Examinations were offered; and WHEREAS, The district's elementary school summer program has been expanded to meet more needs and is now ready to serve first through fifth grade students; and

WHEREAS, Also available during the 2012 summer school/enrichment program were more mathematics courses along with TESL courses, which 106 students attended; and

WHEREAS, The Great Neck Union Free School District's entire summer program includes: summer enrichment, open to students entering grades six through nine, with over 30 different extracurricular courses, including rocketry, astronomy, culinary arts, architecture, instrumental music, sewing, computer programming, first aid, fine arts, drama, and forensics, musical theater, with a drama, vocal and dance performing arts workshop offered daily for students entering grades six through nine; and

WHEREAS, Academic intervention courses are offered in the core subject areas for students in need of additional instructional support during the summer months; students entering grades six through nine can register for classes in math, English, social studies, science and English as a Second Language; and

WHEREAS, Reading intervention classes are offered for students entering grades one through five along with math support for students entering grades four and five; ESL for students entering Kindergarten through Grade 12; a high school program to provide remedial instruction for high school students who must retake an academic course in order to receive credit; and Regents Examinations for students who are looking to take an August New York State Regents exam; and, new courses are being developed for summer 2013; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Great Neck Union Free School District for 50 years of providing Summer School/Enrichment and Summer Music Programs for the students of the district; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Great Neck Union Free School District.