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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carl P. Onken upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service in education

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 Carl P. Onken upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service in education; and

WHEREAS, Carl P. Onken, President of the Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) since 1997, stepped down from his esteemed position on June 30, 2014, after 17 years of distinguished service to the Cooperative Board; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Central Valley, Carl P. Onken has been a member of the Orange-Ulster Cooperative Board since 1985; he was a member of the Monroe-Woodbury Board of Education from 1978 to 1999, serving as President for four years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was President of the Orange County School Boards Association from 1988 to 1991, as well as a member of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA), serving as NYSSBA President, Vice-President and Area 9 Director; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his service to public education, Carl P. Onken has been steadfast, conscientious and insightful; during his tenure he

committed himself wholeheartedly to providing high-quality education in New York State schools; and

WHEREAS, Carl P. Onken is a dedicated and passionate advocate for public education, and his tireless service to Orange-Ulster BOCES has resulted in numerous ground-breaking and progressive programs for students of all ages and abilities; he has devoted his time and knowledge to schools and school board service with vision, pragmatism and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Carl P. Onken 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, Carl P. Onken has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Orange-Ulster BOCES, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; 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 Carl P. Onken upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service in education, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carl P. Onken.