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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stuart Palczak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal by the University at Albany Alumni Association

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stuart Palczak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal by the University at Albany Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor is bestowed upon alumni who have exhibited excellence in and dedication to teaching kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Palczak was raised by his parents, fellow educators, Claude and Donna Palczak, in Amsterdam, New York; in 1983, Stuart graduated from Amsterdam High School and then went on to earn a master's degree in Education at The State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Stuart Palczak began his illustrious career at Amsterdam High School; today, he teaches both 10th grade Global History and 12th grade Government classes; he also serves as the Social Studies curriculum leader; and

WHEREAS, Well-loved by his students, Stuart Palczak takes pride in connecting with them, and makes learning interesting by working current events into his history lessons; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Palczak is a dedicated modified wrestling coach and a coach for the high school track and cross country teams; he not only instructs in sporting techniques, he also imparts life lessons; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Stuart Palczak was honored to receive the Daughters of the American Revolution's New York State History Teacher of the Year Award, and in 2007, he was recognized as Teacher of the Month by Montgomery County Life magazine; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Deanna, who is a lunch monitor and security adviser at the high school, and his two children, McKenna and Jake, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Palczak has exhibited the true spirit of the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal through his extraordinary success and dedication to education; 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 Stuart Palczak upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Bertha E. Brimmer Medal by the University at Albany Alumni Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stuart Palczak.