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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kara Sue Pitkin upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Gold Standard Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

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 custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant achievements in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and accomplishments 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 Kara Sue Pitkin upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Gold Standard Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, Kara Sue Pitkin was recognized for this auspicious honor at an Awards Ceremony in January of 2015, during a Teacher's Conference in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kara Sue Pitkin is a Teacher of Music at Stillwater Central School District, Stillwater, New York; her students range from early adolescents through young adults; and

WHEREAS, Gold Standard Certification is awarded to teachers who voluntarily have their teaching methods evaluated through a series of performance-based assessments, including teaching portfolios, student work examples, and student learning; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Kara Sue Pitkin provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Kara Sue Pitkin has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Stillwater Central School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for

her impressive dedication to her students; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals such as Kara Sue Pitkin who works to support our proud tradition of public education by providing skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kara Sue Pitkin upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Gold Standard Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kara Sue Pitkin.