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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Helen Russo upon the occasion of her retirement after 37 years of distinguished service as an educator

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 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 Helen Russo upon the occasion of her retirement after 37 years of distinguished service in education to be celebrated at Leif Ericson Day School's Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, April 24, 2015, at the Dyker Beach Gold Club, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Helen Russo 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, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Helen Russo earned her degree from Hunter College, and started a career in teaching; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Helen Russo began her illustrious tenure at Leif Ericson Day School as a third grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, A devoted educator for over three decades, Helen Russo also served as Assistant Principal at Leif Ericson Day School for 10 years, and was faculty representative to the School Board; furthermore, this esteemed woman is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Educators Associ-

ation; and

WHEREAS, Helen Russo has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Leif Ericson Day School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her 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 Helen Russo upon the occasion of her retirement after 37 years of distinguished service in education, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Russo.