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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Robert Libby upon the occasion of his retirement after seven years of distinguished service as Superintendent to the Cohoes City School District

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of the Cohoes City School District is due in large part to the efforts of Superintendent Robert Libby; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Robert Libby upon the occasion of his retirement after seven years of distinguished service as Superintendent to the Cohoes City School District to be celebrated with a dinner held in his honor on Friday, April 3, 2015, at Michaels Banquet House in Cohoes, New York; he will officially retire in April of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Robert Libby received both his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Master of Arts degree in Political Science at the University of Maine at Orono; he then pursued his Ph.D. in Political Science at Emory University, and went on to obtain his Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration at the University of Maine at Orono in 1988; and

WHEREAS, For more than 21 years, Robert Libby has provided dedicated service to the Cohoes School District; in November of 1993, he began his career in education as the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations for 15 years, and in June of 2008, he was appointed as the Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, In his role as Superintendent, Robert Libby has remained a

passionate advocate for the students and community of Cohoes; and
WHEREAS, In addition, Robert Libby has represented Cohoes on a number of issues, and takes great pride in his role of improving the school building conditions; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his tenure with the Cohoes City School District, Robert Libby served as a part-time instructor in the Department of Political Science at Emory University, and as an instructor in the Social Science Division at the Oxford College of Emory University; he also served as an Issues Analyst in the Special Projects Section for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, From July 1983 to June 1989, Robert Libby held the esteemed position as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Topsham, Maine; from August 1989 to 1993, he served as the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services in the Greater Johnstown School District, before accepting a position within the Cohoes School District; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community as well as his profession, from March 1980 to June 1983, Robert Libby served as Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, General Assistance Administrator, and Road Commissioner for the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable administrator is also involved with the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) and the Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA); and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joan, and their three daughters, Bonnie, Nellie, and Kelsey, as well as two grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Robert Libby has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered in the Cohoes City School District for the benefit of its faculty and students,

as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as Superintendent, Robert Libby leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Cohoes community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Robert Libby upon the occasion of his retirement after seven years of distinguished service as Superintendent to the Cohoes City School District, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Libby.