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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith upon the occasion of her selection as 2015 School Psychologist of the Year by the National Association of School Psychologists

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals within the field of mental health who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith upon the occasion of her selection as 2015 School Psychologist of the Year by the National Association of School Psychologists at its Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida, on February 17-20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of School Psychologists works to empower school psychologists by advancing effective practices to improve students' learning, behavior, and mental health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith earned her master's degree and doctorate in Psychology from the University at Albany, and is a New York State Licensed Psychologist; and

WHEREAS, For the past 31 years, Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as a school psychologist in the Greenville School District; and

WHEREAS, Known for her exemplary dedication to improving the mental health and well-being of students, Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith's many accomplishments include helping to create an early-literacy intervention program, an after school Al-A-Teen program, peer mediation, and suicide prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith established Greenville's first district-wide mental health crisis plan; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous other awards and accolades for her outstanding service, Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith was honored with the 1983 Ted Bernstein Memorial Award and the 2013 Frank Plumeau School Psychologist of the Year Award by the New York Association of School Psychologists; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith's work as a school psychologist has had a positive, wide-ranging effect on the youth of Greenville, helping them succeed both inside and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith upon the occasion of her selection as 2015 School Psychologist of the Year by the National Association of School Psychologists; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Pamela V. Agan-Smith.