

## 2015-J1810

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of Public School No. 48, The Mapleton School, in Brooklyn, New York, on June 19, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Public School No. 48, The Mapleton School, in Brooklyn, New York, to be celebrated at a Gala, on Friday, June 19, 2015, at Rex Manor Catering Hall, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious event will enable the Public School (P.S.) 48 community to reflect on the founding philosophy and principles of the school which develops, in a collaborative fashion, an instructional program which will allow all students to achieve high standards of academic achievement by developing a partnership with parents, resulting in a program which educates students to think critically, communicate effectively, meet challenging high standards of excellence, possess positive self-esteem and contribute to their school, their community, and the world in which they live; and

WHEREAS, P.S. No. 48, an elementary school located in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, opened its doors to students in 1915; today, the school population of 640 students, includes students who speak English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Bengali, Urdu, Arabic, Haitian, French, Korean, Punjabi, Polish and Albanian; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 48 proudly offers its students a rigorous, engaging, and coherent curriculum that includes the arts, physical and health educa-

tion, science, writing, multicultural reading, mythology, astronomy, music, library media, author studies, literary publishing, and computer skills; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated teachers at P.S. 48 create and deliver teaching practices from units of study aligned to the Common Core Standards, in accordance with the school beliefs requiring students to engage in higher order thinking that results in increased levels of achievement; and

WHEREAS, The students of P.S. 48 write and design their own books for the Student Treasures program; they then make and read the books to their parents on a sunny day in the schoolyard in June of each year; and

WHEREAS, Members of the P.S. 48 Players and Band present performances at their winter and spring concerts and participate in annual Columbus Day Parades; and

WHEREAS, Realizing that learning is more than just studying, the students of P.S. 48 are part of the Respect for All Initiative; the school holds monthly Have a Heart programs where students talk about all the good deeds they do for their classmates and teachers; in addition, at these assemblies, the students celebrate the holidays in both New York City and the Nation, such as Brotherhood Month, Black History, Women's History, Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving, and the holidays in the winter and spring months; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of their Brooklyn community, both students and teachers are actively involved in various fundraising activities, such as the Relay for Life program, and cancer research; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable individuals collect money through the Penny Harvest Program to assist needy families in their neighborhoods, and take part in a food drive during Thanksgiving, donating the goods to the Reaching Out organization; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Principal Diane J. Picucci, P.S. 48 stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, estab-

lishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; and

WHEREAS, P.S. No. 48 is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its commitment to parents, students and community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Public School No. 48, The Mapleton School, in Brooklyn, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Diane J. Picucci, Principal, Public School No. 48, The Mapleton School, Brooklyn, New York.