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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Superintendent Paul Casciano upon the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of distinguished service to the William Floyd School District

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 Superintendent Paul Casciano upon the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of distinguished service to the William Floyd School District to be celebrated on Friday, June 19, 2015, at East Wind Caterers in Wading River, New York; and

WHEREAS, For over four decades, Dr. Paul Casciano rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the William Floyd School District; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of William Floyd High School, Paul Casciano earned his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut University; he completed his master's degree at Southampton College, and he attained his doctorate from New York University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Casciano began his illustrious career with the William Floyd School District in 1974, serving as an elementary school teacher for eight years before becoming an administrator; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man served as Principal of Moriches Elementary

School for 11 years; during his tenure, the school received three New York State Awards for Excellence and two National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Awards from the United States Department of Education; it was also selected by REDBOOK as one of America's Best Schools; and WHEREAS, As Assistant and Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Paul Casciano assumed a lead role in many vital initiatives including the establishment of a Universal Pre-Kindergarten, and a full-day Kindergarten, as well as teacher-mentor programs; and

WHEREAS, As Superintendent of the William Floyd School District, Dr. Paul Casciano has strived to provide a quality education for students, while raising expectations for their performance; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Superintendent Paul Casciano played an integral role in such district-wide achievements as a significant increase in the graduation rate, sound fiscal management, the development of an all-Regents middle school, and the implementation of greater transparency and community input in district operations; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Paul Casciano has also worked to create greater opportunities for high school students with the Career and Technical Education programs, and has partnered on numerous initiatives to reconnect the alumni of William Floyd; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding service, Superintendent Paul Casciano was named New York State's National Distinguished Principal and Phi Delta Kappa's Educator of the Year; he also received the Principal of Leadership Award from the National Safety Center; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Gail, and their four children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Superintendent Paul Casciano has displayed throughout his life; 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 Superintendent Paul Casciano upon the occasion of his retirement after 41 years of distinguished service to the William Floyd School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Paul Casciano.