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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Plotkin upon the occasion of being selected as the 2015 New York State Assistant Principal of the Year

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents who have distinguished themselves in their profession and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Plotkin upon the occasion of being selected as the 2015 New York State Assistant Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State and National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony on May 8, 2015, at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, As Assistant Principal of the Year, Michael Plotkin will be recognized as a National Outstanding Assistant Principal by NAESP at a ceremony sponsored by NAESP and VOYA Financial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Michael Plotkin earned both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in history from the City University of New York at Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, Michael Plotkin also earned Advanced Certification in School Leadership from the Teachers College of Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Michael Plotkin began his distinguished career in education in 1993; he has served as Assistant Principal of the Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School in the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District since 2007; and

WHEREAS, As Assistant Principal, he has exhibited an impressive and valuable understanding of the students' need for belonging and emotional closeness with peers and the adults around them; and

WHEREAS, Known and respected for his compassion and leadership, Micha-

el Plotkin implemented the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, and a middle school advisory program, for which he wrote the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable educator has exhibited the true spirit of the prestigious Assistant Principal of the Year Award through his tireless dedication to providing a quality education and a safe, welcoming environment for his students; 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 Michael Plotkin upon the occasion of being selected as the 2015 New York State Assistant Principal of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Plotkin.