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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Malverne High School upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Schools of Opportunity Gold Award by the National Education Policy Center

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 accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Malverne High School upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Schools of Opportunity Gold Award by the National Education Policy Center, to be celebrated at the Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in the Howard T. Herber Middle School Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, A School of Opportunity is one which serves as a model, informing and inspiring the efforts of educators and communities throughout the United States, promoting both excellence and equity; and

WHEREAS, The National Education Policy Center seeks to identify and recognize excellent public high schools, such as Malverne, which actively strive to close opportunity gaps by engaging in practices that build on students' strengths, thereby creating engaging and supported learning opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, Malverne High School has a culture which encourages students to engage in rigorous coursework while maintaining a "success for all students" philosophy that is built around expanding learning opportunities well outside the traditional school day; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its Principal, Dr. Vincent

Romano, the school has expanded access to higher-level Advanced Placement courses while providing support such as increased class time and an additional class period every other day; this is coupled with an extensive eight-week after-school review program leading into the College Board Examinations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Malverne High School has teamed up with local colleges to provide its students with enrichment in math and science through Adelphi University's Saturday STEP program; during the summer months, English language learners receive services from Hofstra University, which enables students to continue to expand their language development when school is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Malverne High School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unwavering devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The Schools of Opportunity Gold Award stands as a resolute testimony to Malverne High School's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Malverne High School upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Schools of Opportunity Gold Award by the National Education Policy Center, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Vincent Romano, Principal of Malverne High School.