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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. David Hahn upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator

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 sense 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 Dr. David Hahn upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator; this momentous occasion will be celebrated with a Party in his honor on Friday, June 19, 2015, at the Tom O'Shanter Country Club, Glen Head, New York; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Dr. David Hahn provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Hahn has been in the ministry of Lutheran education as a teacher and administrator for four decades; he has served Lutheran secondary schools and colleges in Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota and New York; and

WHEREAS, Head of School at Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School since 1987, Dr. David Hahn has been instrumental in the success and progress of this vital institution; and

WHEREAS, During the esteemed tenure of Dr. David Hahn, Long Island

Lutheran Middle and High School has grown from 375 to 600 students, developed a top-quality faculty/staff of 100, acquired ownership of a Lutheran N-5 school serving over 200 students, added significant facilities and programs, solidified its financial position and generally enhanced its reputation as one of the finest schools in the New York metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, In addition, under the able leadership of Dr. David Hahn, Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School has raised significant funds in a series of highly successful fundraising campaigns; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2014, Dr. David Hahn assumed an exciting new role as Executive Director of the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools (ALSS), a professional organization serving 74 Lutheran schools across the United States and Asia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Hahn received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University in Chicago; he went on to earn a Master of Education from Towson State University and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, Dr. David Hahn continues to be involved with the Atlantic District LCMS (Board), the Wartburg Adult Care Community (Board) and the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (Past VP); and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he is a member of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Garden City, New York, and for the past eight years, he has served on the faculty of the Van Lunen Center, an executive education program for emerging leaders of Christian schools worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Hahn is the proud recipient of awards from the Association of Lutheran Development Executives, the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools, Wheat Ridge Ministries, the Lutheran Schools

Association, Grace Lutheran School, Valparaiso University and the Long Island Lutheran faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Janet, and their

three daughters, as well as three grandsons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Hahn has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as an educator, Dr. David Hahn leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the communities he so ably served and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. David Hahn upon the occasion of his retirement as an educator, after many years of dedicated service in education, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. David Hahn.