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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Malverne High School upon the occasion of receiving 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Malverne High School upon the occasion of receiving the inaugural Schools of Opportunity Gold Award by the National Education Policy Center to be celebrated at a Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in the Howard T. Herber Middle School Auditorium, Malverne, New York; and

WHEREAS, Designed as a School of Opportunity by the National Education Policy Center, Malverne High School serves as a model, informing and inspiring the efforts of educators and communities throughout the United States, and promotes both excellence and equity; and

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

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Principal Dr. Vincent Romano, Malverne High School maintains a health school 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, Malverne High School 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 innovative initiative is coupled with an extensive, eight-week after-school review program leading into the College Board Examinations; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Malverne High School provides a comprehensive SAT/ACT/PSAT prep program that meets on weeknights and Saturday mornings throughout the Summer, Fall, and Winter months; and

WHEREAS, Malverne High School also provides additional learning time through regularly scheduled extra-help sessions, as well as an after-school Homework Center which gives students access to subject-specific teachers, computers, and peer tutors; in addition, a mentoring program assigns teachers to students who need intervention to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable school has teamed up with local colleges to provide 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 helps students to continue to expand their language development when school is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Malverne High School is a school where no student falls through the cracks, and newcomers to the school are met with support; this vital institution proactively addresses problems by meeting with incoming at-risk eighth grade students as early as June, and a summer program is then designed to keep them involved in school and help them transition into the high school; and

WHEREAS, Students participate in a wide variety of activities, from strength and conditioning, to discussing current events, to volunteering

at a local soup kitchen; they also have the opportunity to meet important personnel who will advocate and support them throughout their high school career; and

WHEREAS, Organizations which seek to enhance the education of our youngest students help to provide children a solid knowledge base upon which to build their future studies; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that this Legislative Body extend its highest commendation to the administration, teachers, staff and parents, both past and present, of the Malverne High School for their dedication and commitment to the children, school and community in the creation of a better world for the children of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Malverne High School has been an integral part of the history of its community, representing a dynamic, responsive and positive force within the educational system of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Malverne High School upon the occasion of receiving the Schools of Opportunity Gold Award by the National Education Policy Center; and be it further

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