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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Edward Kennedy upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to the Newburgh Enlarged City 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 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 Edward Kennedy upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to the Newburgh Enlarged City School District; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Edward Kennedy 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, Throughout his four decade tenure with the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, Edward Kennedy served for 35 years as a Physical Education Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Edward Kennedy is the Head Coach for the Newburgh Free Academy Varsity Crew Team, President of America Rows and Swims Newburgh, as well as Founder, President and Programs Director of the Newburgh Rowing Club; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is a steadfast volunteer, dedicating much of his time to teaching children within the local community to swim; and

WHEREAS, Edward Kennedy has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 25 years, Debbie, and their three children, Kyle, Kerry and John, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 Edward Kennedy upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, for his significant contributions to education in New York State, 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 Edward Kennedy.