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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John McKenna upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University at Buffalo

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, John McKenna has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John McKenna upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, John McKenna has served as Principal in the Tonawanda City School District becoming known and respected for his innovative ideas, dedication to education, and passion for ensuring his students receive the best possible educational experience; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards for his exceptional service, John McKenna has been honored with the 2013 Presidential Award from the Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa; the 2012 New York State Outstanding Educator of the Year Award from the School Administrators Association of New York State; and the 2010 Shooting Star Award from the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Western New York for his work supporting children with life-threatening illnesses; and

WHEREAS, John McKenna has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, John McKenna has stood constant in

dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which John McKenna has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John McKenna upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award by the University at Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John McKenna.