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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brent D. Cooley upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES

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 custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in advancing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brent D. Cooley upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES to be celebrated on Friday, February 19th, 2016, in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 26 years, Brent D. Cooley has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as a Labor Relations Specialist to Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES; and he will officially retire on February 23rd, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A native of Canandaigua, New York, Brent D. Cooley earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hobart College in 1974, and obtained his Juris Doctor from Syracuse University Law School in 1976; and

WHEREAS, After completing his studies, Brent D. Cooley worked for several years in a law practice in the Maryland and Washington, DC areas, where he gained experience in collective bargaining and labor relations; and

WHEREAS, Since 1990, this esteemed individual has served the educational community with loyalty, honor and distinction as a Labor

Relations Specialist at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Brent D. Cooley expertly carried out the duties of his position, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; in recognition of his exceptional efforts, he was designated Senior Labor Relations Specialist in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Brent D. Cooley has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he served as President of Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs, and is a member of both the New York Bar Association and Maryland Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Brent D. Cooley is a member of the Vestry at St. Peter's Church in Geneva, New York, and has supported Midlakes Youth Soccer; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his mother, Helen Kirker, his wife of 38 years, Eileen, and their three children, Matthew, Maureen and Elisabeth, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brent D. Cooley upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brent D. Cooley.