

2015-J4093

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David S. Feller upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award on April 13, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David S. Feller upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award, to be celebrated on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, A vital regional resource, Nassau BOCES offers state-of-the-art programs for learners of all ages and abilities as well as cost effective services for school districts and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award recipients were chosen for this prestigious honor by a committee of distinguished education and community leaders; they identified individuals and organizations who personified the spirit of educational partnerships and demonstrated measurable impact on public education in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, A Long Island educator for more than 30 years, David S. Feller currently serves as Superintendent of the North Merrick School District, the esteemed position from which he will retire on August 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Prior to taking the helm of the North Merrick School District

in 2001, David S. Feller served as special-education director of the East Williston and Carle Place school districts; under his able leadership, North Merrick has been identified as a New York State Reward School District for modeling best practices for schools in need of support; and

WHEREAS, During this time, David S. Feller was instrumental in initiating a comprehensive co-teaching model in each school, and transformed the district's theatre arts program into an inclusive arts experience in which all students may participate; and

WHEREAS, In addition, David S. Feller established the Superintendent's Challenge, for which students submit written essays and art work in response to specific topics; he reviews every submission and provides each student with personal feedback; and

WHEREAS, A passionate special education advocate, David S. Feller was named 2010 Person of the Year by the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators; he is the founder and former chairman of the Nassau County Superintendents Special Education Committee and is a champion for the continuation of the residential treatment program at Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center; and

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 David S. Feller upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award on April 13, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David S. Feller.