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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Thomas J. Sullivan, Principal of Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School, upon the occasion of his retirement after many distinguished years as an educator

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 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 commend Thomas J. Sullivan upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service in education; he is officially retiring as Principal of Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School in Buffalo, New York, a position he has held for the past 22 years; and

WHEREAS, A 1975 graduate of Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School, formerly Bishop Timon High School, Thomas J. Sullivan has served his alma mater for 26 years as a dedicated and motivating member of the faculty, as Director of Development, and most notably, as Principal, influencing the direction of student lives and learning; and

WHEREAS, During his accomplished and invaluable tenure as Principal, Thomas J. Sullivan oversaw the implementation of many academic innovations such as courses in Mandarin Chinese and bioinformatics; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Thomas J. Sullivan oversaw the construction of the James J. Rząd Center for the Study of Science and Math and the Crowley Center for Media Arts, as well as the addition of wireless laptop

technology throughout the High School; and

WHEREAS, Graciously accepting the Board of Trustees invitation to continue to advance the High School's mission and ministry beyond his retirement, Thomas J. Sullivan will be advocating for a number of special projects and initiatives throughout the 2016-2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Thomas J. Sullivan 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, Thomas J. Sullivan has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public and private 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 Thomas J. Sullivan upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service in education, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas J. Sullivan.