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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School is a Pre-Kindergarten through grade five school in District 22, Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, which is comprised of approximately 450 students; and

WHEREAS, Designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education is indicative of high level school standards set in pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Principal, Jeanne Fish, P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School has consistently ranked among the top 10 schools in New York City; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission to provide a nurturing environment that instills confidence and self-esteem in its children as they develop intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically, the staff at P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School, along with parents promote life-long moral and ethical values, enabling each child to achieve their fullest potential and celebrate their uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School proudly offers numerous innovative programs for its bright and enthusiastic students including the EAGLE Gifted/talented program, a specialized program for Marine Biology, an Integrated Performing Arts, an Off-Site Marine Biology Program, Project ARTS, the Classroom Computer Center, the Wilson Reading Program, Foundations, and the Waterford Early Reading Program, as well as the Up River/Down River Program; and

WHEREAS, The teacher teams at P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School are stakeholders in the educational process of its students; school capacity building empowers its teachers to be effective, and supports the school's efforts to build strong relationships; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, these relationships foster its mission to establish a culture for learning, ensure high expectations are embedded in all work habits, and engage all teachers in inquiry-based professional collaborations that strengthen instructional capacity per grade level; and

WHEREAS, The students' families at P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School share this strong belief in education that hard work and perseverance, coupled with a positive outlook and teacher support, is the best recipe for their child's success in school both academically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, As a National Blue Ribbon School, P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School has been judged to be particularly effective in meeting local, State, and national educational goals; it has also displayed the qualities of excellence necessary to prepare young people for the challenges of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, National Blue Ribbon School status is awarded to schools which have demonstrated strong leadership; a clear vision and sense of

mission that is shared by all connected with the school; high quality teaching; a challenging, up-to-date curriculum; policies and practices that ensure a safe environment conducive to learning; a solid commitment

to parental involvement; and evidence that the school helps all students achieve high standards; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award stands as a resolute testimony to P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeanne Fish, Principal, P.S. 277, Gerritsen Beach School.