

2015-J5869

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sandra Johnson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Golden Apple Award by the Mid-Hudson School Study Council

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 honor Sandra Johnson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the first-ever 2016 Golden Apple Award by the Mid-Hudson School Study Council for more than 50 distinguished years as an educator; this auspicious occasion was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, The fundamental purpose of the Mid-Hudson School Study Council is to bring about the improvement of education in school districts located in the Mid-Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Sandra Johnson 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, After earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Education as a General Business Major from Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania, Sandra Johnson began her illustrious career in education as a Business

Teacher at Corning-Painted Post Central School District in Corning, New York; and

WHEREAS, Twenty years later after earning a Master of Science degree in Education in Guidance and Counseling from Alfred University, Alfred, New York, Sandra Johnson became a guidance counselor at Horseheads Central School District in Horseheads, New York, assisting students in developing their career and college plans; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Sandra Johnson accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Waverly Junior/Senior High School in Waverly, New York; working her way up the career ladder, she accepted various appointments through the years including Secondary Assistant Principal, Junior-Senior High School Principal and Middle School Principal; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2006, Sandra Johnson came to Livingston Manor Central School, Livingston Manor, New York, to serve as Interim Elementary Principal; a true academic leader, she was then asked to accept the position full-time and, since that time, has held the title of Elementary Principal, Middle School Principal, and currently, as Pre-Kindergarten-12th Grade Principal; and

WHEREAS, For the past 53 years, this esteemed educator has been a role model for individuals of any age; her tireless energy, optimistic attitude and persistent passion for teaching and learning are unmatched; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Sandra Johnson has continually demonstrated an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at each school she has worked at; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth under her care, as well as on the community-at-large, and

accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Ryan, their three children, Molly, Libby, and Billy, and four grandchildren, Jacob, Anna,

Kyle and Camden, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of educational leaders who work to support our proud tradition of public 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 Sandra Johnson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Golden Apple Award by the Mid-Hudson School Study Council for more than 50 distinguished years as an educator, and to wish her all the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sandra Johnson.