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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Dennis J. Farrell upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service as Principal of Sacred Heart School on June 6, 2016

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 illustrious 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 Dennis J. Farrell upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service as Principal of Sacred Heart School in Bayside, New York, to be feted at a celebration held in his honor on Monday, June 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated educator for more than four decades, Dennis J. Farrell has held the esteemed title of Principal of Sacred Heart School since 1988; his passion for education as well as the love which he has for his students is self-evident in all that he says and in all that he does; and

WHEREAS, From the time he was a young boy entering Ss. Joachim and Anne School, to the time he was a young man graduating from Saint John's University, Dennis J. Farrell was a product of Catholic education; and

WHEREAS, Dennis J. Farrell began his teaching career at Saint Leo's Catholic School in Corona, Queens, where he taught eighth grade social studies; his lessons reflected his passionate teaching style as well as

his creative approach to learning which included differentiated instruction, learning centers and allowed for both rigor and critical analysis; and

WHEREAS, Whether Dennis J. Farrell was teaching the Civil War or the presidential election, he always found the time to connect to his students; and

WHEREAS, Under his luminous leadership, Dennis J. Farrell is a very visible Principal and is always checking in with his students on a personal level at 7:45 A.M. or during the three lunch periods or at 2:45 P.M.; he knows each and every student that he has taught by name, and he remembers what awards they earned at graduation; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Dennis J. Farrell 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; he has served as teacher, mentor, guidance counselor, coach and cheerleader for many generations of families; and

WHEREAS, Dennis J. Farrell has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Sacred Heart 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 education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dennis J. Farrell upon the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of distinguished service as Principal of Sacred Heart School, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and to

wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Dennis J. Farrell.