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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Albany Academy in Albany, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 203rd commencement on June 14, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Albany Academy in Albany, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 203rd commencement on Tuesday, June 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The 203rd graduating class from The Albany Academy will commemorate this auspicious milestone with a class gift of the outdoor learning center; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1813, The Albany Academy opened its doors for the first time at its original location in Albany, which is now known as Academy Park; the Academy was the first boys day school to be constructed in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, In 1870, in response to a lack of military preparation institutions in the North during the American Civil War, The Albany Academy adopted the Battalion Leadership Program, instructing the "cadets" in military procedure, and the art of leadership; and

WHEREAS, In 1931, the school moved from its original downtown building to its current location on the corner of Hackett Boulevard and Academy Road, allowing all grades enrolled in The Albany Academy, pre-Kindergarten-12, to be housed and schooled under the same roof; and

WHEREAS, The red-brick Academy building's marble cornerstone was laid by then Governor, and future President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, The Board of Trustees announced that The Albany Academy and The Albany Academy for Girls would merge into The Albany Academies; and

WHEREAS, The incredible curriculum offers students the opportunity to earn college credits, engage in internships, and learn more about careers in their chosen field; and

WHEREAS, Exceptional students are given the option of enrolling in numerous advanced placement (AP) courses including, French, Biology, Physics and Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, For over two centuries, The Albany Academy has strived to ensure that all of its students have access to a high-quality education which prepares them for the rigors of college and the workforce; today approximately 840 students are enrolled at The Albany Academies; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of The Albany Academies; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Academy is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Albany Academy in Albany, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its 203rd commencement on June 14, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Headmaster and The Board of Trustees, of The Albany Academy.