

## **2023-J485**

Senate Resolution No. 485

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING Ward Melville High School upon the occasion of being named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those institutions that by achieving outstanding success in their educational programs have inspired and brought pride to our community and State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Ward Melville High School upon the occasion of being named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ward Melville High School is a public high school in the Three Village Central School District in East Setauket of Suffolk County, New York on Long Island, serving grades 10-12; and

WHEREAS, For the past 55 years, Ward Melville High School has provided a nurturing environment in which every young person can succeed and where staff, parents, students and the community all work together to promote a positive educational experience for the entire student body; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Flag gracing a school building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning and serves as a model for schools still striving for excellence; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award stands as a resolute testimony to Ward Melville High 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 Ward Melville High School upon the occasion of being named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal William S. Bernhard, Ward Melville High School.