



NEW YORK STATE
SENATE



Proclamation

**HONORING PUBLIC SCHOOL 5, THE DR. RONALD E. MCNAIR SCHOOL
AS THEY RECEIVE THE NATIONAL PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE'S
SCHOOL INNOVATION AND CHANGE AWARD**

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, Educational institutions which serve to better prepare our students for their future participation are worthy of praise and support; and

WHEREAS, Public School 5, the Dr. Ronald E. McNair School in Brooklyn has been designated a recipient of the National Principal Leadership Institute's School Innovation and Change Award (SICA), an award given annually to recognize schools that rise from underperforming to exemplary; and

WHEREAS, In the eighteen years that this award has been in existence, it has been given to over nine hundred fifty schools in forty-eight states; and

WHEREAS, Under the dynamic leadership of Principal Lena Gates and Assistant Principal Kesha Townsel, P.S. 5 set out on a journey to improve the school's tests scores and enhance the learning environment for their students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, With a staff of dedicated educators and community organizations, the students of P.S. 5 received a variety of services and educational enrichment programs, including the Adelaide Sanford Learning Center, which offered peer tutoring, a campus bookstore, dance classes, music classes, financial literacy education and more; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 5, the Dr. Ronald E. McNair School of Brooklyn, stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining the resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, The National Principal Leadership Institute's SICA is a resolute testimony to P.S. 5'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

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, hereby honor Public School 5, the Dr. Ronald E. McNair School upon the occasion of winning the National Principal Leadership Institute's School Innovation and Change Award; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to Public School 5, the Dr. Ronald E. McNair School.

Dated:

May 24, 2017

in Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto Set My Hand and Signature

Velmanette Montgomery

New York State Senator

25th Senate District

