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Senate Resolution No. 1362

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Karl R. Keil Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service as Assistant Superintendent for Business of Camden Central School District

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents 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 congratulate Karl R. Keil Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service as Assistant Superintendent for Business of Camden Central School District to be celebrated on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at McConnellsville Country Club in Blossvale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Karl R. Keil Jr. attended the Camden Central School District from Kindergarten through High School graduation, during which time he was recognized with the prestigious honor of being named the Ideal Senior by his peers; and

WHEREAS, As Assistant Superintendent for Business for more than two decades, Karl R. Keil Jr. has worked tirelessly to accomplish 21 consecutive successful budget votes, over \$105 million of construction with eight successful referendums, and created a solar farm on 9.57

acres of land that is projected to save millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Karl R. Keil Jr. led in the consolidation of two school buildings with the successful sale of both properties, as well as the installation of a New York State Cutting Edge Weather Station, and the procurement of two important properties; he was also instrumental in the expansion of the District Office to include a large conference room and new offices for the Instructional Technology Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Karl R. Keil Jr. oversaw many Grants including Record Archive, Federal, FEMA, Propane Bus, Solar and ARPA; he also saved and secured maximum funding for annual reimbursable aids and closed out of all construction projects to garnish maximum debt relief; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was one of the first in New York State to create a Community Eligibility Provision for free meals for all students; and

WHEREAS, Karl R. Keil Jr. managed a cohesive Business Office focused on customer satisfaction; he established excellent Health and Safety committee structure and protocols, and had strong relationships based on trust and respect with the CSEA Union and the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, A true community advocate, Karl R. Keil Jr. has also worked tirelessly in support of school districts and students throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, As Assistant Superintendent for Business, Karl R. Keil Jr. modeled a culture of humbleness, respect and dedication to his work; he was the 2019 recipient of the ASBO Dr. Joan Colvin Starfish Award; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community and profession, Karl R. Keil Jr. is a Voting Committee member of the MOH Health Consortium and Chairperson of the OHM Workman's Compensation Board; and

WHEREAS, For 21 years, Karl R. Keil Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Camden Central School District, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Karl R. Keil Jr. over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Karl R. Keil Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Karl R. Keil Jr.