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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Split Rock Elementary School, a school in the West Genesee Central School District in Camillus, New York, upon the occasion of being designated a Blue Ribbon School for 2009 by Arne Duncan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those organizations within our midst, which have demonstrated consistent excellence while bringing great pride and joy to the citizens of our great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, One such organization, Split Rock Elementary School of Camillus, New York, will be honored for being academically superior, especially for disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, Split Rock Elementary School Principal, Theresa Williams; Superintendent, Dr. Christopher R. Brown, and Split Rock students and teachers are very proud of the recognition they are receiving for their school's academic success; and

WHEREAS, Split Rock Elementary School will serve as a model for other schools throughout the Nation and will have the details of the school's success and achievements shared on the U.S. Department of Education's website; and

WHEREAS, Split Rock Elementary school was one of 314 schools in the Nation out of 120,000 eligible schools to receive this distinction and West Genesee Central Schools will now be ranked in the top one-half of one percent of all schools in the United States for their academic achievement and their ability to reach all students regardless of background; and

WHEREAS, Principal Theresa Williams and Superintendent Dr. Christopher Brown attribute the school's success to academic excellence, and their ability to close the achievement gap for disadvantaged children in the

school; and

WHEREAS, Split Rock Elementary School sets high standards for the students, and it is reflected in the standardized New York State tests where the school consistently scores in the top 10 percent of the State; and

WHEREAS, Cooperation between Split Rock Elementary School students, parents, teachers, administrators and the school board is what helps set the school apart from other schools; and

WHEREAS, Split Rock Elementary School teachers, staff, Board of Education, administration, and parents have worked tirelessly to make sure that students are able to be successful and compete once they leave the confines of the West Genesee Central School District community and this recognition serves as a national measure of that continued success; and

WHEREAS, Schools cannot be successful without the support and encouragement of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate this milestone for Split Rock Elementary School, the school will receive a plaque and a flag from the U.S. Department of Education at the Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 3, 2009; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to take this opportunity to honor Split Rock Elementary School and the West Genesee Central School District, teachers, students and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Theresa Williams, Split Rock Elementary School Principal, and Dr. Christopher R. Brown, Superintendent of Schools for West Genesee Central School District.