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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gordon Baker upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to the New York State School for the Deaf

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gordon Baker upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service to the New York State School for the Deaf, to be celebrated on Monday, June 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, the New York State School for the Deaf (NYSSD) has faithfully endured to ensure that each of its students has the maximum opportunity for growth and development as tailored and designed to complement his or her individual abilities, and to create a strong foundation for a productive, happy life; and

WHEREAS, The programs at NYSSD in their entirety, are both innovative and progressive, and with its staff of highly capable and talented instructors, the school will continue to provide quality educational services for all those enrolled; and

WHEREAS, Throughout 37 notable years, Gordon Baker has served as department head for pupil personnel services and athletics, and was the former dean of students at NYSSD; and

WHEREAS, An ambassador for NYSSD, Gordon Baker has taken great pride in educating the community about its impressive history and contributions; his understanding of and respect for the needs of deaf children and their families have been instrumental in helping thousands of New York's students with deafness come to call Rome their second home; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Baker has taken a personal interest in every student, working to find individual avenues of success and remained a steadfast source of encouragement throughout their school career; he is known for his gentleness, understanding, and untiring positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, For the past 37 years, Gordon Baker rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to NYSSD; he is a man of integrity and faith who served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Gordon Baker was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with NYSSD, Gordon Baker earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gordon Baker upon the occasion of his retirement after 37 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gordon Baker.