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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Carmen Alicia Vazquetell upon the occasion of her retirement after many distinguished years as an educator at the Newburgh Enlarged City School District

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District is due in large part to the efforts of Carmen Alicia Vazquetell; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carmen Alicia Vazquetell upon the occasion of her retirement after many distinguished years as an educator at the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, to be observed at a retirement celebration on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the Spruce Lodge, Montgomery, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of New York University, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell earned both her Bachelor of Science degree and her Master of Arts degree; she went on to earn her Ph.D. from Hofstra University; and

WHEREAS, She has acquired over six personal licenses and certificates, and received numerous awards and accolades for both her professional and personal achievements; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell has been an active member of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District for over 16 years, and the educational system in New York State for over 37 years; and

WHEREAS, In her most recent position, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell served as Director of Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell has continually demonstrated an

impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the Newburgh Enlarged City School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her role at the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell has also served as an Adjunct Professor at SUNY New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell has managed over a dozen publicized articles and three documented production films, produced for the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of her community, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell has guided and nurtured the initiation of the United Hispanics of the Hudson Valley and Scholarship committee, and is currently the Chairperson for the Adult ESL CONA, which provides countless opportunities to adults and children in the Newburgh community; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, this remarkable woman serves as a member of the NYS Association for Bilingual Education (SABE), NYS Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, Black and Hispanic Coalition, Sigma Delta Pi, Latinos Unidos, Newburgh Armory Unity Center, Orange County Human Rights, and as a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Parish; and

WHEREAS, In completing her service as a teacher, Carmen Alicia Vazquetell leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Newburgh community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Carmen Alicia Vazquetell upon the occasion of her retirement,

and for her significant contributions to education in New York State;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carmen Alicia Vazquetell.