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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Perletter Wright upon the occasion of her retirement as Principal of Washington Rose Elementary School

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Perletter Wright upon the occasion of her retirement as Principal of Washington Rose Elementary School, to be celebrated at a party on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at Chateau Briand, Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Perletter Wright is retiring as Principal at Washington Rose Elementary School after 42 years of love and devotion to the Roosevelt Union Free School District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Perletter Wright is the daughter of the late Paul and Betty Wright; a native of Charleston, South Carolina, she graduated from Bonds-Wilson High School in 1966, and later graduated from South Carolina State College in May 1970; and

WHEREAS, Two months after her college graduation, Dr. Wright accepted a sixth grade teaching position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School in the Roosevelt Union Free School District on Long Island, New York; the school's name was later changed to Ulysses Byas Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, During her time at Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Wright taught

grades 4, 5, and 6; in January of 1984, she was appointed as the mathematics coordinator of the School, and in September of 1990, she was appointed Principal of the Washington Rose Elementary School; and WHEREAS, Dr. Wright believes in children having balanced lives so, she implemented many cultural arts programs to enhance and develop the students of Washington Rose Elementary School; the school was later awarded grants from the National Endowment of the Arts and the New York State Council of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright also served as an adjunct professor at SUNY Old Westbury; to date, she continues to be the mathematics instructor for the Educational Opportunities Program; and

WHEREAS, Officially retiring on August 31, 2012, Dr. Wright has received numerous awards for her dedicated service in education, including the Harriet Tubman Humanitarian Award, the Roosevelt Alumni Association Educational Excellence Award, Roosevelt-Freeport Church of Christ, the NAACP Award and the New York State Teachers Union Friend of Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Dr. Perletter Wright provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Perletter Wright has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Washington Rose Elementary School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for many years of impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of

public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Perletter Wright upon the occasion of her retirement as Prin-

cipal of Washington Rose Elementary School, 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 Dr. Perletter Wright.