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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael J. Masse upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 President's Award by the New York State School Boards Association

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions for the advancement of public education and have distinguished themselves in their dedication and commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to acknowledge the significant milestones achieved throughout the careers of those outstanding leaders whose achievements and advocacy have been instrumental in helping students achieve success at a higher level; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize Michael J. Masse upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 President's Award by the New York State School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, The President's Award, the highest award the New York State School Boards Association bestows, recognizes Michael J. Masse for his significant contributions to the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Masse is a 20-year veteran of the Fayetteville-Manlius Board of Education and has served as New York State School Boards Association's Treasurer since 2006; prior to that position, he served as Area 4 Director, representing school boards in the Central New York area; and

WHEREAS, As treasurer of the New York State School Boards Association, Michael J. Masse led the New York State School Boards Association through tough fiscal times and also proposed many policies which resulted in the financial stability of the Association, such as freezing

dues and then creating a structure more suitable for current fiscal conditions, and positioning the organization to be able to pay off its mortgage sooner than the 15 years it had originally anticipated; and WHEREAS, Furthermore, Michael J. Masse proposed a plan to adjust the New York State School Boards Association's post-retirement health care benefits obligation to save money while preserving employees' benefits; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Masse worked hard with staff and investment advisors to monitor performance and to ensure that a high standard was met to maximize investments; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Masse holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Rider University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Maxwell School at Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Masse is a true advocate of public education who faces the challenges as a former member of the school board head on; he is known for his ability to teach his fellow colleagues the most complicated financial details in the simplest of ways; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Shari, and their two grown children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael J. Masse upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2013 President's Award by the New York State School Boards Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. Masse.