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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Public School 221, of Little Neck, Queens, upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement, whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Public School 221, of Little Neck, Queens, upon the occasion of its designation as a Blue Ribbon School; this exceptional institution was honored by the United States Secretary of Education on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at an Awards Luncheon in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, Designation as a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education is indicative of successfully meeting high level school standards set in pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, As a Blue Ribbon School, Public School 221 has been judged to be particularly effective in meeting local, State, and national educational goals; it has also displayed the qualities of excellence necessary to prepare young people for the challenges of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon School status is awarded to schools that have demonstrated strong leadership; a clear vision and sense of mission that is shared by all connected with the school; high quality teaching; a challenging, up-to-date curriculum; policies and practices that ensure a safe environment conducive to learning; a solid commitment to parental involvement; and evidence that the school helps all students achieve high standards; and

WHEREAS, Public School 221, of Little Neck, Queens, has continually proven an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award stands as a resolute testimony to the special teamwork exemplified by Public School 221's family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, a community united by common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Public School 221, of Little Neck, Queens, upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School, noting the significance of its accomplishment, and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Public School 221, of Little Neck, Queens.