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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Public School No. 172 in Brooklyn, New York

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, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Public School No. 172 in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, This momentous occasion will be observed over a yearlong centennial celebration through units of study, student projects and performances, family movie nights, and a 1914 carnival; the celebration will begin on February 12, 2014, and culminate with a Centennial Gala in June; and

WHEREAS, Public School No. 172 was opened on February 2, 1914 to educate the children of immigrant families that had recently moved to South Brooklyn from Italy, Poland, Sweden, Ireland, and Germany; today, the school continues to educate the children of immigrants from Mexico, South America, the Middle East and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Integrating all general education and special needs students into the same classrooms, Public School No. 172 uses a workshop model for reading, writing, math and social studies; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, Public School No. 172 has continued its dedication to education and achievement; the school has won citywide attention for the high test scores of its students, and recently earned the National Blue Ribbon Award for academic excellence from the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Since the mid-1980s, Public School No. 172 has been run under

the luminous direction of Jack Spatola who emphasizes professional development for teachers and close monitoring of its students, particularly those in danger of faltering; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st Century, Public School No. 172 stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; and

WHEREAS, Public School No. 172 is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its commitment to parents, students and community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Public School No. 172 upon the auspicious occasion of its 100th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack Spatola, Principal of Public School No. 172, Brooklyn, New York.