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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Coach Charles Granby upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of excellence in coaching and education at Campus Magnet High School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend notable educators and athletic coaches who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through outstanding commitment and exemplary athletic achievement; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice 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 concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Coach Charles Granby upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of excellence in coaching and education at Campus Magnet High School; his accomplishments will be celebrated at a party on April 26, 2014, at Jericho Terrace, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Coach Charles "Chuck" Granby has been teaching and coaching at Andrew Jackson High School, now called Campus Magnet High School, in the Cambria Heights section of Queens, New York, since 1969; he retired from teaching in 1996, but has continued to coach the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure at Andrew Jackson/Campus Magnet High School, Coach Charles Granby's teams made the Public Schools Athletic League (P.S.A.L.) playoffs 41 times, have won 24 division titles, were quarter-finalists 19 times, Queens Champs seven years, Semi-finalists six years, PSAL finalists four years, and earned a

P.S.A.L. New York City Championship Title in 1985; his teams never lost a home game, have made the state tournament twice and, co-coaching with Paul Brown, Coach Charles Granby has won eight straight gold medals at the Empire State Open Men's Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Coach Charles Granby's extraordinary talents have made him the "most winning" active coach in New York City; in 2011 he reached a significant career milestone when he became the first and only coach in the PSAL to obtain 700 wins, and his overall record is 717-213; and

WHEREAS, Coach Charles Granby has been named Newsday's Coach of the Year six times, New York Daily News Coach of the Year five times, and was named Coach of the Year by the NYSBA during the 1984-85 season; he was inducted into the Brooklyn Basketball Hall of Fame in 1996, the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame in 2005, and the New York City Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he received the New York State Basketball Coaches Association recognition award in 1993, and received the Pro-Am Achievement Award in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Charles Granby graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, and earned a Master of Arts degree from Hunter College, City University of New York; while attending Bradley University, he played on the basketball team which was ranked one, two or three from 1958 to 1961; and

WHEREAS, Charles Granby's sparkling success as a coach is a reflection of his commitment to his players beyond basketball; with a reputation for serving as mentor and father figure to the young men he instructs, Coach Granby has been influential in the lives of many of his players, stressing to them the value of education, helping them to attain full

scholarships to top colleges and universities, and motivating his students to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Coach Charles Granby is also highly regarded for his dedication to his community; for more than 40 years he has organized his

annual Thanksgiving Basketball Classic at York College in Queens, hosting many local high schools and inspiring many young athletes; and WHEREAS, In addition, this unfaltering gentleman is a man of deep faith; since 1976, he has been an active member of St. Albans Congregational Church, serving in the past as a member of the Men's Fellowship and the Deacon Board, and now supporting many of the church's programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his daughter, Robyn, his older brother, Samuel, and his younger sister, Catherine, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Coach Charles Granby 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, Coach Charles Granby has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Campus Magnet High School, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Coach Charles Granby upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of excellence in coaching and education at Campus Magnet High School, and for his significant contributions to the uplift of youth in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Charles Granby.