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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Henry Frasca upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 distinguished years as an educator, on February 28, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of several schools in the Utica City School District is due in large part to the efforts of Henry Frasca; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Henry Frasca upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 distinguished years as an educator; a retirement party celebrating his many contributions will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at Daniele at Valley View, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Henry Frasca will retire as Principal of Kernan Elementary School in Utica effective February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Henry Frasca has contributed 30 years of unparalleled service to Utica students, families, professionals and communities as an administrator, a teacher and a coach; and

WHEREAS, Henry Frasca began his career in education in 1985; he worked as a coach and physical education teacher in Grahamsville Public Schools and the Utica City School District until 1997; and

WHEREAS, Henry Frasca transitioned into educational leadership in the Utica City School District as an Assistant Principal, serving in that capacity at Thomas R. Proctor High School and Senator James H. Donovan Middle School through 2002; and

WHEREAS, He then took on the role of Principal at Watson Williams

Elementary School, where he led with distinction before assuming his present position in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Henry Frasca's effective tenure at Kernan Elementary School, and his service throughout the Utica City School District, has impacted countless lives; he will be remembered for his intellect, imagination, sense of humor, and prodigious work ethic; and

WHEREAS, A well-respected leader in his field, Henry Frasca has been quoted in multiple educational publications; in addition, his work has received numerous honors, including the United States Department of Education No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon; the National Title I School of Distinction, the National Magnet School of Excellence, and the Genesis Group Celebration of Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Henry Frasca has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an incomparable devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Kernan Elementary School for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as an educator, Henry Frasca leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves a legacy to the residents of the Utica community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Henry Frasca upon the occasion of his retirement, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Henry Frasca.