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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas J. Manko upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service as an educator and administrator in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Thomas J. Manko rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as an educator and administrator in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas J. Manko upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service as an educator and administrator in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Manko began his illustrious career teaching secondary school social studies in Greenwich, Connecticut; after earning Master's degrees in both teaching and in public administration, he accepted his first administrative assignment as the Career and Technical Assistant Principal for the Oswego County BOCES in Mexico, New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Manko then went on to serve ably as Middle School Principal for the Cato-Meridian Central School District for more than eight years, spending much of that time as CSE Chair; and

WHEREAS, His competence and dedication later brought him to the esteemed position of Superintendent of the New York Mills School District for six years, and after that as York Central School Superintendent for a further nine and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Manko's mission was to provide quality education that put the needs of students first; he worked closely with teachers and administrators on curriculum development to ensure students would be

brought up to speed on the Board of Regents' seven new learning standards; his guidance provided a safe, supportive and creative learning environment for the youth of the district; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Thomas J. Manko accepted a post as Superintendent of the Mahopac Central School District; his enthusiastic leadership instituted programs such as Full Day Kindergarten district wide, as well as spearheading many new construction and improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as teacher, principal, and superintendent Thomas J. Manko served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Manko's retirement in 2014 leaves behind a legacy of kindness, professionalism, and distinction; he will be dearly missed; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas J. Manko upon the occasion of his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service as an educator and administrator in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas J. Manko.