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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bonnie Van Benschoten upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Library Association, Section of School Librarians Secondary Administrator's Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those individuals who have made significant contributions for the advancement of public education and its library system, and have distinguished themselves in their dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, It is the further sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones achieved throughout the careers of those outstanding leaders whose achievements and advocacy have been instrumental in helping our youth achieve success at a higher level; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor and recognize Bonnie Van Benschoten upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Library Association, Section of School Librarians Secondary Administrator's Award; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Library Association Secondary Administrator's Award recognizes administrators who have supported the maintenance and improvement of the district library media programs over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Van Benschoten has been the Principal of Durgee Junior High School in the Baldwinsville Central School District since 2006; prior to this position, she was the Assistant Principal from 2005 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Van Benschoten has a long history of leading school improvements, supporting a variety of programs and supplying the resources needed to implement a curriculum that directly supports the students; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Van Benschoten has played a critical role in developing the Durgee Junior High Library into a full access library and media center which offers numerous programs to students; these services include being the first organization in the district to have a Facebook page, opening the library to students to eat lunch, and creating a gaming program, which provides students with a variety of board games; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Van Benschoten has remained dedicated to encouraging innovation and staff collaboration in the school; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Robert, and their three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize Bonnie Van Benschoten upon the occasion of receiving the New York State Library Association, Section of School Librarians Secondary Administrator's Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bonnie Van Benschoten, and the Durgee Junior High Library.