

## 2013-J3821

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Canandaigua Middle School upon the occasion of its designation as a 2014 New York State School of Character

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

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 accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Canandaigua Middle School upon the occasion of its designation as a 2014 New York State School of Character; this exceptional school will be honored at the Champions of Character Banquet on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the Franklin Plaza in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by The Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges and the Character Education Partnership, the New York State Schools of Character awards program recognizes schools or districts that demonstrate outstanding school climate and academic performance; and

WHEREAS, Canandaigua Middle School has made character education and development a priority since it became a district-wide initiative in 1997; through creative and dynamic programs such as its Olweus Anti-Bullying program, and its Be a Brave initiative, the school is truly a positive and nurturing environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, In achieving this high honor, Canandaigua Middle School has also advanced to national level competition as a New York State nominee for the National Schools of Character awards; and

WHEREAS, Each year since 1998, the National Schools of Character

awards program has recognized K-12 schools and districts that demonstrate the positive impact their focus on character development has had on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate; and WHEREAS, Canandaigua Middle School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators, and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of Canandaigua Middle School; and

WHEREAS, As superbly exemplified by its success, Canandaigua Middle School 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Canandaigua Middle School upon the occasion of its designation as a 2014 New York State School of Character, noting the significance of its accomplishment, and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, the State and nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Canandaigua Middle School.