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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the efforts of New York Parents across the State

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the efforts of New York Parents across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, One of the objects of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers is "To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth"; and

WHEREAS, Article III(d) of the National PTA Bylaws states "The PTA organizations shall seek to participate in the decision making process establishing school policy"; and

WHEREAS, It is the role of the National PTA to encourage parental involvement, an essential part of the PTA mission, by promoting an environment in which parents are valued as primary influences in their children's lives and essential partners in their children's education and development; and

WHEREAS, The National PTA and its constituent organizations advocate for legislation, policies, and bargaining agreements that protect the right of parental involvement in site-based shared decision making; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body supports parental participation in site-based models of shared decision making; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the efforts of New York Parents across the State, and to commend the National PTA and its constituent organizations for advocating for models of site-based decision making which provide for equitable participation among parents, students, community members, principals, teachers, and other staff, and which promote an environment in which parents are valued as essential partners in their children's education

and development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Parent Teacher Associations across the State of New York.