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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Maple West Elementary School upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Maple West Elementary School upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, to be celebrated on Friday, April 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and nonpublic elementary, middle, and high schools where students achieve at very high levels; the Program sets a standard of excellence for all schools striving for the highest level of success; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is part of a larger United States Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices; each year since 1982, the Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain high academic goals and where the achievement gap is narrowing; and

WHEREAS, Maple West Elementary School in Williamsville, New York, has been named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence based on its excellent results on the 2012 English language arts and mathematics state assessments; and

WHEREAS, One of only 286 schools across the country to achieve this distinction, Maple West Elementary is a close-knit community of strong

outstanding administrators, dedicated professional staff, highly motivated students and highly engaged parents; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed academic institution believes how to learn is as important as what is learned, and that students succeed when effort and perseverance toward excellence is encouraged and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Principal Charles Galluzzo, Maple West Elementary School continues to fulfill its laudatory educational focus on preparing students to think critically and creatively, helping them to become confident learners and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when an educational institution of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Maple West Elementary School, upon the occasion of its designation as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Galluzzo, Principal, Maple West Elementary School.