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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dale Bates upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Skaneateles Central School District

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of Skaneateles Central School District is due in large part to the efforts of Dale Bates; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dale Bates upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Skaneateles Central School District; and

WHEREAS, A true inspiration and mentor, Dale Bates served the Skaneateles Central School District for more than 30 years; he will retire from the esteemed positions of District Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Dale Bates played a pivotal role in making the Skaneateles Central School District great; his financial acumen enabled the Board of Education to advance programs and keep talented staff, while other districts were cutting in both areas; and

WHEREAS, A caring, competent and committed leader, Dale Bates' character and integrity are the hallmarks of his life and work as a school district leader, a community volunteer and as a person; his quiet approach and caring attitude creates confidence and loyalty among colleagues and friends alike; and

WHEREAS, The Skaneateles Community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and respected business leader for more than three

decades; his wisdom and contributions reached into every classroom, and he truly made a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, Dale Bates has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Skaneateles Central School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as a District Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent, Dale Bates leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Skaneateles community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dale Bates upon the occasion of his retirement, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dale Bates.