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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Keefe upon the occasion of being selected as New York State United Teachers Retiree Member of the Year after 37 distinguished years as an educator

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 acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David Keefe upon the occasion of being selected as New York State United Teachers Retiree Member of the Year after 37 distinguished years as an educator which was celebrated at the state teachers union's 42nd annual representative assembly on Friday, April 4, 2014, at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City; and

WHEREAS, David Keefe of Mineola, New York, is a former 8th grade social studies teacher who has devoted much of his retirement to union activities; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement in 2004, after an illustrious teaching career in Hempstead Public Schools, David Keefe was elected to the Board of Trustees of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, for which he also serves as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, David Keefe was president of the Hempstead Classroom Teachers Association, assuming leadership positions for the Retiree Association for Hempstead educators following his own

retirement; and

WHEREAS, David Keefe's work is an extension of his lifelong commitment to serving union members; and

WHEREAS, Educators like David Keefe provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, David Keefe has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Hempstead Public School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor David Keefe upon the occasion of being selected as New York State United Teachers Retiree Member of the Year after 37 distinguished years as an educator, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Keefe.