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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Randolph School

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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of The Randolph School to be celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Originally located in Poughkeepsie, New York, the Randolph School was founded in 1963 to serve children from pre-k to 6th grade by a group of teachers and parents who shared a belief in children's innate desire and ability to learn and wanted to create a school where children would be respected, trusted, encouraged and supported to develop their full potential in all areas of their lives; and

WHEREAS, The Randolph School relocated from Poughkeepsie to Wappingers Falls, New York, where it remains today, and expanded its educational opportunities for students through high school until 2011 when it became a pre-k through 5th grade school once again; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Randolph School is to awaken students' love of learning that will last a lifetime, support each child's capacity for a creative, meaningful, intellectual, social, emotional, artistic and physical life, and to foster the development of the school community and its connection to the wider world; and

WHEREAS, The Randolph School curriculum is based on integrating areas of study in which information and materials are presented in a challenging, relevant, and open-ended way in an effort to stimulate curiosity,

creativity, innovative thinking, and a life-long love of learning; and

WHEREAS, The Randolph School is a progressive school which offers a child-centered, holistic method of education focused on educating the whole child and is committed to serving a diverse population of students from Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster, and Orange counties, aiming to represent the general population's range of economic status, ethnicities, abilities, and languages; and

WHEREAS, Through hands-on, collaborative, and interdisciplinary explorations and studies, the Randolph School fosters connections between children and the world around them, with each child nurtured as a capable and unique individual; 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of The Randolph School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Randolph School, Wappingers Falls, New York.