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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary Blondrage upon the occasion of her selection as a New York State Master Teacher by the New York State Master Teacher Program

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals of distinguished purpose whose lives have been committed to public service and the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Mary Blondrage upon the occasion of her selection as a New York State Master Teacher by the New York State Master Teacher Program; this prestigious designation was announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on Monday, April 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Master Teacher Program (NYSMTP) seeks to identify, reward, and support outstanding teachers in the academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) throughout New York State, with the goal of cultivating their roles as professional mentors and content experts in order to not only further enhance their abilities, but to also develop skilled future teachers; and

WHEREAS, Mary Blondrage, a STEM teacher in Nassau County's Sewanhaka Central High School District, has been recognized for her commitment to professional growth and teaming and excellence in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Through NYSMTP, this dedicated educator will work with a community of like-minded professionals, engage in comprehensive professional development activities, and receive access to cutting-edge developments in her field via linkage to one of New York State's leading research institutions, Stony Brook University, SUNY; and

WHEREAS, As a Master Teacher, Mary Blondrage, already an acknowledged leader in her educational community, will be a model for STEM teaching throughout New York State; she will share her knowledge and experience with other educators so as to further student success and improve student readiness for college and beyond; she will also, through example and mentoring, build the capacity of the next generation of teachers; and

WHEREAS, Mary Blondrage truly merits this prestigious award; she embodies excellence in teaching, devotion to the learning needs of her students, and commitment to the maintenance of high standards in the education of the children of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pride in recognizing esteemed citizens who distinguish themselves in service to their community and their profession and is particularly proud to pay tribute to teachers such as Mary Blondrage, whose commitment and dedication enhance the stature of education in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mary Blondrage upon the occasion of her selection as a New York State Master Teacher; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Blondrage.