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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Bell upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Bell upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame; his outstanding accomplishments were recognized on Sunday, October 13, 2013, at the 2013 Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet, which was held at the Erie Trackside Manor in Port Jervis, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Port Jervis High School Alumni Hall of Fame annually recognizes individuals who have achieved personal success and have made a significant contribution to society, serving as role models to inspire current and future generations of Port Jervis students; and

WHEREAS, John Bell, Class of 1985, is the Delaware Valley School District Superintendent; this dedicated educator and administrator is well-respected and greatly-admired on both sides of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, John Bell was elected for this esteemed position in June 2012 after a national search; his reputation for building high performing schools was proven in 2013 when, under his leadership, Delaware Valley High School qualified as one of America's Best High Schools by US NEWS & WORLD REPORT and named one of America's Most Challenging Schools by the Washington Post; and

WHEREAS, This accomplished man previously served the Delaware Valley School District as the assistant principal and principal of its Middle School for five years; he then moved on to the Minisink Valley School

District where he was quickly promoted from middle school principal to assistant superintendent for instruction; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, John Bell returned to Port Jervis where he served with distinction as the assistant superintendent for instruction for six years; guided by his experience and insight, the school experienced tremendous success as academic achievement increased by 20 percent, and students were given unprecedented access to technology; and

WHEREAS, Clearly dedicated to his profession and the community, he was responsible for establishing the Alumni Hall of Fame and helped to found the Port Jervis Educational Foundation; in addition, he was a member of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, and served for two years as president of the New York State Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; and

WHEREAS, John Bell has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, This tireless man has been officiating with Little League since 1986, following in the tradition of his family, as his father served as its long-time president, and his grandfather was a founder; he also serves as a member of the Bon Secours Community Hospital Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lynne, and their two sons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and demonstrate a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have

earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Bell upon the occasion of his induction into the Port Jervis

High School Alumni Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Bell.