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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kevin Birmingham 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 Kevin Birmingham 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, Kevin Birmingham, Class of 1971, is one of the Port Jervis City School District's most beloved educators; for 30 years this dedicated man taught social studies at Port Jervis High School, and was consistently voted favorite male teacher for over two decades by the graduating classes; prior to his retirement in 2010, he served as the chairperson of the Social Studies Department; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Birmingham began his illustrious education career after earning his Bachelor of Arts from SUNY Cortland and returning to his alma mater; over the course of his 30-year tenure, he did much to advance secondary education in Port Jervis; and

WHEREAS, In addition to coordinating the Practical Business Education Program with Kolmar Labs, Kevin Birmingham initiated and coached the highly-successful interscholastic Mock Trial Team where students partic-

ipate in simulated trials to learn about the legal system; he also served as a member of the District Leadership Team and represented the district on the BOCES Instructional Council for 15 years; and WHEREAS, Kevin Birmingham holds a master's degree from SUNY New Paltz, as well as an adjunct professor's certification from Syracuse University; committed to creating opportunities for his students, he taught and helped expand the Syracuse University Project Advanced Psychology course, providing over 1,200 Port Jervis students with the chance to earn college credits; and

WHEREAS, This accomplished man has authored or co-authored numerous academic plans, including the District's Excellence and Accountability Program Plan, the original Plan for Participation, and New York State's Economics and Participation in Government Activities Curricula, an award-winning model for school and business collaboration for the Wall Street Journal; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Birmingham has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion, and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered in the Port Jervis City School District for the benefit of its faculty, students, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Linda, and their two daughters, 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 Kevin Birmingham 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 Kevin Birmingham.