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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 20th Anniversary of Horizons at Harley, Rochester, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are committed to enhancing the quality of education in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Horizons at Harley, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Horizons Student Enrichment Program at The Harley School, now beginning its 20th year of successful operation, has been serving low-income, City of Rochester students in Kindergarten through 8th grade since 1995; and

WHEREAS, The program, an affiliate of the Horizons National summer learning program, is one of the oldest in the country; the six-week summer program employs an experiential model of teaching that is focused on reading, writing and math; and

WHEREAS, The hands-on, project-based curriculum successfully counteracts the negative effects of summer learning loss and the associated achievement gap; students not only improve academically, but learn to swim and participate in a breadth of activities that foster creativity, confidence, citizenship and good health; and

WHEREAS, Students who enter Horizons at Harley with below grade level reading skills gain an average of one to three months of reading skills during the six week Horizons summer session; and

WHEREAS, Ninety percent of students who graduate from Horizons at Harley go on to graduate from high school on time and enroll in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Horizons at Harley offers a rich array of academic, cultural and recreational activities designed to help low-income students realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the program, many Horizons at Harley students return as teacher's assistants during the summer session to work with the current students; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with the Harley School, several key people and institutions have played a major role in initiating and sustaining the Horizons at Harley program, including but not limited to: Joseph and Nancy Briggs, William Burleigh, Cynthia Marshall, the Marie C. and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation, and the Rochester City School District; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to salute Horizons at Harley for its long history of purposeful endeavor which has greatly benefited the Rochester community, and to wish this worthy organization continued success in future years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Horizons at Harley, Rochester, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Horizons at Harley, Rochester, New York.