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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Superintendent Dr. Michael McGill upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Superintendent Dr. Michael McGill upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated with a farewell dinner in his honor on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at the Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, New York; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Michael McGill provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Williams College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Michael McGill attained his Masters degree in English Education, and his Education Doctorate from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man began his career as an English teacher in Lexington, Massachusetts, where he taught from 1966-1969; he then accepted a position in New Hampshire as Director of the Anti-Poverty

Program, Project Follow Through, where he served for two years helping underprivileged children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael McGill then held the position of Headmaster at Hopkins School before accepting a position as Superintendent of the North Shore School District, where he served in this capacity for 14 years representing the best interests of students and educators; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Dr. Michael McGill became Superintendent of Scarsdale Public Schools, and for the past 16 years, has championed a curriculum emphasizing creative and critical thinking skills at all grade levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael McGill's committed leadership has had an outstanding effect on the quality and character of education in his district; during his tenure, he instituted a fifth grade capstone project, added Mandarin courses at the high school, moved from an AP curriculum to Advanced Track courses, and founded the nationally-recognized Center for Innovation; and

WHEREAS, Respected for his independent views and forward thinking, this remarkable man has achieved outstanding results for Scarsdale Public Schools; the district has received a perfect 10 rating on the national Great Schools website, and 98 percent of students go on to attend four-year colleges; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his distinguished service, Dr. Michael McGill was named New York State Superintendent of the Year in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael McGill has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Scarsdale Public School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Superintendent Dr. Michael McGill upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Superintendent Dr. Michael McGill.