LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating South Middle School in Newburgh, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its Community Field Day on May 31, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate South Middle School in Newburgh, New York, upon the occasion of celebrating its Community Field Day on Saturday, May 31, 2014; and WHEREAS, The mission of South Middle School is to create a model middle school wherein great leaders, teachers, and students, with the help of the community, will establish a vibrant learning culture by collaborating to meet the academic, emotional, social, and physical needs of all students, evidenced by high student engagement and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, instrumental in the accomplishment of this mission is the partnership of South Middle School students, administrators, teachers, staff, and family, as well as the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Community Field Day is a day to promote South Middle School, the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, and the Newburgh community; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its Principal, Michael Ragusa, South Middle School continues to fulfill its laudatory educational purposes and is proudly aware of its distinguished past; eager to fulfill its commitment to its students, faculty, alumni and community, South Middle School is planning with vision and purpose for the growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; and WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to South Middle School in Newburgh, New York; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an educational institution of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate South Middle School in Newburgh, New York upon the occasion of celebrating its Community Field Day on May 31, 2014; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal Michael Ragusa, South Middle School, Newburgh, New York.