

## 2013-J5802

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Ciero upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Syracuse City School District

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those outstanding individuals within our midst whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of 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 honor John Ciero upon the occasion of his retirement from the Syracuse City School District after more than 30 years of teaching excellence; he will be honored during a school board meeting on June 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Ciero, a lifetime resident of Syracuse, New York, joined the Syracuse City School District in 1980; since then, he has been working as a Special Education Teacher at Salem Hyde Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, As a dedicated and caring teacher at Salem Hyde Elementary School, John Ciero has enriched the lives of countless children; he is a member of the School of Promise committee which partners with Syracuse University School of Education to improve elementary education for all students by creating more inclusive spaces; and

WHEREAS, Besides his work in the classroom, John Ciero has served on the Syracuse Teacher Center Policy Board for the past 28 years; the Syracuse Teacher Center collaborates with local, state and national organizations to provide educators in the City of Syracuse with the highest level of professional development to impact classroom instruction and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Annually, 3,500 teachers participate in more than 400 activities supported by the Syracuse Teacher Center; these activities include courses, workshops, mentoring, training sessions, the creation of class-

room materials and instructional equipment, and a variety of other activities; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure on the Syracuse Teacher Center Policy Board, John Ciero has provided support to countless teachers and rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Syracuse City School District; he has held the position of board chairman since 2009, making him the longest serving member in Syracuse; he was also a part of the negotiations team with the Syracuse Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their communities, demonstrating a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in the field of education, have earned the esteem and respect of their colleagues and recognition from all citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Ciero upon the occasion of his retirement from the Syracuse City School District after more than 30 years of teaching excellence; and be it further

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