

## 2013-J6049

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ralph A. Pizzo upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Newburgh Enlarged City School District

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ralph A. Pizzo upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Newburgh Enlarged City School District; and

WHEREAS, Ralph A. Pizzo served the Newburgh Enlarged City School District for more than four decades; he will officially retire from the esteemed position of Superintendent of Schools on Monday, June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Newburgh, New York, Ralph A. Pizzo began his illustrious career in 1956 as a Classroom Educator within the Newburgh Enlarged City School District; after 14 years of service in this position, he was promoted to Assistant Principal, a position he held for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the District, Ralph A. Pizzo served in several capacities including Principal, Deputy Superintendent, and Acting Superintendent of Schools; in 1998, he retired from the District, but returned to serve on the Board for five and a half years, followed by another six and a half years to assist with the reconfiguration of the District; and

WHEREAS, Ralph A. Pizzo was instrumental in converting the high school to grades 9-12, establishing the two middle schools and the two, soon to be three, Kindergarten through eight schools; and

WHEREAS, A caring, competent and committed leader, Ralph A. Pizzo's character and integrity are the hallmarks of his life and work as a school district leader, a community volunteer and as a person; his quiet approach and caring attitude creates confidence and loyalty among colleagues and friends alike; and

WHEREAS, The Newburgh Community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and respected educational leader for more than four decades; his wisdom and contributions reached into every classroom, and he truly made a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, Ralph A. Pizzo has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the Newburgh Enlarged City School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as Superintendent of Schools, Ralph A. Pizzo leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Newburgh community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ralph A. Pizzo upon the occasion of his retirement, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph A. Pizzo.