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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating P.S. 205, the Alexander Graham Bell School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate P.S. 205, the Alexander Graham Bell School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Alexander Graham Bell School, P.S. 205, is a Pre-Kindergarten through grade five school in District 26, Bayside Queens; the school has approximately 300 students and 25 teachers including general education, special education, collaborative team teaching, and a full-time SETTS teacher; and

WHEREAS, Designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education is indicative of high level school standards set in pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Principal, Karen Scott-Piazza, P.S. 205 has consistently ranked among the top 10 schools in New York City; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission to pursue excellence in education for every student, the Alexander Graham Bell School provides all children with a quality education through a shared partnership among staff, parents and students; and

WHEREAS, The teacher teams at P.S. 205 are stakeholders in the educational process of its students; school capacity building empowers its teachers to be effective, and supports the school's efforts to building strong relationships; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, these relationships foster its mission to establish a culture for learning, ensure high expectations are embedded in all work habits, and engage all teachers in inquiry-based professional collaborations that strengthen instructional capacity per grade level; and

WHEREAS, The students' families at P.S. 205 share this strong belief in education that hard work and perseverance, coupled with a positive outlook and teacher support, is the best recipe for their child's success in school both academically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, The activities and initiatives at the Alexander Graham Bell School embody a spirit of sharing and caring for other people both locally and globally; one of the many school initiatives is the Service in Schools Program; over the past three years, there has been a growing involvement with local and global service projects to promote citizenship, stewardship, and environmental awareness and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, As a National Blue Ribbon School, the Alexander Graham Bell School has been judged to be particularly effective in meeting local, State, and national educational goals; it has also displayed the qualities of excellence necessary to prepare young people for the challenges of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, National Blue Ribbon School status is awarded to schools which have demonstrated strong leadership; a clear vision and sense of mission that is shared by all connected with the school; high quality teaching; a challenging, up-to-date curriculum; policies and practices

that ensure a safe environment conducive to learning; a solid commitment to parental involvement; and evidence that the school helps all students achieve high standards; and

WHEREAS, The Alexander Graham Bell School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award stands as a resolute testimony to Alexander Graham Bell School's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate P.S. 205, the Alexander Graham Bell School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to P.S. 205, the Alexander Graham Bell School, Bayside, New York.