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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Anita E. Saunders upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 44 distinguished years as an educator on March 24, 2015

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 custom 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 commend Anita E. Saunders upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 44 distinguished years as an educator, to be celebrated on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at Leonard's Palazzo, Great Neck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Anita E. Saunders 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, Anita E. Saunders began her career as an instructor teaching 6th grade in Community School District 26, in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her stellar career, Anita E. Saunders held several titles in all levels, including Staff Developer, Coordinator, Grant Writer, Adjunct Professor, National/International Presenter, Director of Funded Programs, District Director of Instruction and Professional Development, Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent, the esteemed position from which she will officially retire; and

WHEREAS, Anita E. Saunders' love of learning, high standards, and expectations, work ethic, energy and innovative thinking have been evidenced in every one of these positions; and

WHEREAS, For her tireless dedication to her students and her school, Anita E. Saunders has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the NYC Supervisor/Administrator of the Year, District 26, the Bayside Hills Civic Association's William Caulfield Award, the Korean American Association of Greater New York's Woman of the Year Award, and the Women in Leadership Award from the Center for the Women of New York (CWNY), as well as recognition from both the Asian American Coalition for Education and the Educational Leadership-Jewish Teachers Community Chest Fund; and

WHEREAS, Anita E. Saunders' quest for excellence is well-known; she attributes much of her success to the dedicated ethical team of educators, supportive friends, caring and involved parents, and wonderful, enthusiastic children; and

WHEREAS, Anita E. Saunders has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of New York City, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend Anita E. Saunders upon the occasion of her retirement as an educator after more than 44 years of dedicated service in education, and

to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anita E. Saunders.