

## 2015-J1033

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Schenectady County Retired Teachers Association, Inc. to be celebrated on April 15, 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 sense of this Legislative Body to pay recognition to those organizations of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavors prove a dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Schenectady County Retired Teachers Association, Inc. (SCRTA) to be celebrated at a luncheon on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the Casola Dining Room at Schenectady County Community College, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, During the party, SCRTA will recognize the oldest teachers from the six school districts in Schenectady County, some of whom are 98-105 years old; and

WHEREAS, On May 10, 1965, SCRTA was founded to provide fellowship and monetary assistance for retired teachers/educators who live or taught in Schenectady County; both The Bessie Gray and The Mary J. Hyson Memorial Funds provide monies to retirees in need of financial aid; and

WHEREAS, The Bessie Gray Memorial Fund was established in the will of Bessie Gray in 1984; she was a teacher and administrator in the Scotia-Glenville School District who designated that her gift be determined by SCRTA for the purpose of helping retired public and private school/college educators who taught in Schenectady County; and

WHEREAS, The Mary J. Hyson Memorial Fund was established in the will of Mary J. Hyson in 2003; she was a teacher at Shenendehowa Central School who bequeathed money to SCRTA to be used only for the welfare and benefit of Schenectady County retired educators; and

WHEREAS, The SCRTA also grants an annual Aspiring Teacher Award to a Schenectady County high school senior; and

WHEREAS, Teachers 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when associations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Schenectady County Retired Teachers Association, Inc. to be celebrated on April 15, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Schenectady County Retired Teachers Association, Inc.