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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending William H. Barton Intermediate School upon the occasion of being selected as a 2015 State School of Character by the Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges

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 recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend William H. Barton Intermediate School upon the occasion of being selected as a 2015 State School of Character by the Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges; to be celebrated at the Champions of Character Banquet on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the Franklin Plaza in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges and the Character Education Partnership, the New York State Schools of Character awards program recognizes schools or districts that demonstrate outstanding school climate and academic performance; and

WHEREAS, Though winners may differ in method, content and scope, all emphasize core ethical values, define character comprehensively, use a thorough approach to character and create a caring community; William H. Barton Intermediate School's adherence to these standards has earned it the distinguished honor of being named a New York State School of Character; and

WHEREAS, William H. Barton Intermediate School also provides a challenging academic curriculum, fosters students' self-motivation, engages

family and community members and assesses its culture and climate; and
WHEREAS, William H. Barton Intermediate School has a Character Education Committee that develops a variety of programs and activities inspired by the principals, to make education and development a priority; and

WHEREAS, Among the initiatives are developing a Positive Behavior Code that is exhibited in all classrooms; teachers and staff distribute Bee Tickets to students who exemplify the policy; those students who earn enough tickets can participate in reward activities such as the Silly Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, School officials also display and emphasize their core values and district mission statement, which is to empower all students to be lifelong learners, inspired to pursue their dreams and contribute to the global community; and

WHEREAS, William H. Barton Intermediate School's teachers, teaching assistants, school counselors, administrators, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, and maintenance workers all provide an encouraging culture that helps to develop students into good citizens; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Superintendent Douglas Huntley, William H. Barton Intermediate 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 steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators, and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of William H. Barton Intermediate School; and

WHEREAS, As superbly exemplified by its success, William H. Barton Intermediate School stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every

student, establishing standards, and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend William H. Barton Intermediate School upon the occasion of being selected as a 2015 State School of Character by the Academy for Character Education at The Sage Colleges, noting the significance of its accomplishment, and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, the State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Douglas Huntley, Superintendent, Queensbury Union Free School District.