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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Great Neck School District

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 accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring 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 Bicentennial Anniversary of the Great Neck School District; and

WHEREAS, The Great Neck School District was created in 1814, two years after New York passed a law that mandated a state-wide public schools system; and

WHEREAS, Located on the Arrandale property, Great Neck High School opened its doors for the first time in 1914; four years later, its population surpassed 4,500, entitling it to hire its first Superintendent Elise M. Gignoux; and

WHEREAS, By 1929, Great Neck High School had relocated to its current home on Polo Road; soon thereafter, the Lakeville School was built, followed by numerous other school buildings over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Great Neck School District student enrollment peaked in the mid-1960s, therefore, the school board converted its schools into two adult education centers, and two middle schools serving grades six through eight, as well as two high schools educating grades nine through twelve; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 20th Century, hundreds of thousands of students have graduated from Great Neck Schools with an outstanding

education; many alumni have gone on to become community leaders and respected professionals in their chosen field; 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 the Great Neck School District; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st Century, the Great Neck School District 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; and

WHEREAS, The Great Neck School District is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Great Neck School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Great Neck School District.