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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of PS 206 South Park High School, in Buffalo, New York, on May 2, 2015

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 100th Anniversary of PS 206 South Park High School, to be celebrated at a party on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last century PS 206 South Park High School has taken great pride in living up to its mantra of *Vires Acquirit Eundo* -

We gather strength as we go - which aptly describes the tenacity and determination of its students and the Buffalo community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, In an atmosphere rich with cultural diversity, PS 206 South Park High School provides a differentiated program of instruction which sets the highest standards for all its children while celebrating individuality and encouraging creativity, preparing them to meet the academic and technological challenges of both the present and future; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, PS 206 South Park High School opened its doors to the incoming students for the first time; since then, the school, still in its original building at 150 Southside Parkway, has served generations of students from the neighborhoods of South Buffalo, Kaisertown, the Old First Ward, the Valley, Lovejoy, Seneca-Babcock, and the East Side; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Principal Theresa Schuta, PS

206 South Park High School is a comprehensive academic facility which is comprised of approximately 900 students in grades 9-12; the student population represents a diversity of socio-economic backgrounds and academic abilities; and

WHEREAS, PS 206 South Park High School boasts an experienced and talented Special Education department, as well as a challenging Advanced Placement Program for students with exceptional academic abilities; in addition, other special curricular programs include a printing/graphic communications program, a business education program, an instrumental band program, a choral program, a visual arts department, and a horticulture program that services special needs students; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable institution is comprised of state-of-the-art facilities including a library media center, four computer labs, brand new gymnasium, swimming pool, 1,200 seat auditorium, a fully renovated cafeteria, and a modern large group instruction room, as well as a sports practice field located adjacent to the school; and

WHEREAS, PS 206 South Park High School is a fully wired building with internet access in all classrooms; in addition, the building is equipped with wi-fi and every classroom has internet capable computers; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated faculty of PS 206 South Park High School includes a mix of veteran teachers who have dedicated their career to the school and a growing contingent of young teachers who have brought a spirit of innovation and experimentation to the school; 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 PS 206 South Park High School; and

WHEREAS, This enduring and vital institution has served as an anchor for the community of Buffalo, bringing together students and families from different neighborhoods and backgrounds with the common goal of receiving a quality education; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to commend PS 206 South Park High School, for its long history of purposeful endeavor which has greatly benefited the community of Buffalo, New York, and to wish this worthy organization continued success in future years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of PS 206 South Park High School, in Buffalo, New York, on May 2, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Principal Theresa Schuta, PS 206 South Park High School, and the 100th Anniversary Alumni Association.