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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Moravia Middle School upon the occasion of its third consecutive designation as a New York State Essential Elements School to Watch

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Moravia Middle School upon the occasion of its third consecutive designation as a New York State Essential Elements School to Watch: and WHEREAS, The Essential Elements Schools to Watch program is a state administered national program which seeks to identify middle grades schools that adhere to a rigorous set of criteria and are on a pathway of continuous improvement; each school earning this esteemed designation holds that honor for three years then must reapply and be reevaluated to continue the honor of calling itself a School to Watch; and WHEREAS, Moravia Middle School is dedicated to the young adolescents it serves, and maintains a commitment to remain on a trajectory of improvement while implementing the Regents Policy on Middle Level Education, and the seven Essential Elements of a Standards Focused Middle School: and

WHEREAS, This remarkable educational institution has been selected for this respected title by New York State education leaders in recognition of its academic excellence, responsiveness to the needs and interests of young adolescents and its commitment to helping all students achieve at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Principal Bruce MacBain, the

students and staff at Moravia Middle School know through experience they are working and learning in a safe and friendly environment; the school's impressive achievement is based on the relationships and respect that have been established between staff, students and each other; and

WHEREAS, The designation as a New York State Essential Elements School to Watch has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is the tradition of Moravia Middle School; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Moravia Middle School upon the occasion of its third consecutive designation as a New York State Essential Elements School to Watch; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bruce MacBain, Principal, Moravia Middle School.