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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Constance Evelyn for her ceaseless dedication as Superintendent of the Auburn Enlarged City School District

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of the Auburn Enlarged City School District is due in large part to the efforts of Constance Evelyn; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Constance Evelyn for her ceaseless dedication as Superintendent of the Auburn Enlarged City School District; she will officially begin her new role as Superintendent of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 in Nassau County on July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, After being placed for adoption as a baby, the orphanage where Constance Evelyn spent the first months of her life initially refused to allow her parents to adopt her, identifying her as delayed; her mother returned to the orphanage four times before she was able to take her home; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Jamaica, Queens, Constance Evelyn's parents worked tirelessly with her and today, this baby labeled as delayed, serves as a true inspiration and mentor to her students; she has served as Superintendent of the Auburn Enlarged City School District, Cayuga County's largest school district, for the past three years with integrity and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure with the District, Constance Evelyn has worked diligently on behalf of the children and educators within the community to ensure access to excellent educational programming in

Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Prior to coming to Auburn, Constance Evelyn held various instructional and leadership positions; she was the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in the Ithaca City School District, Middle School Principal in Oswego City Schools, Middle School Principal in Rome City Schools, Assistant Principal at Rome Free Academy, as well as Learning Specialist and Special Education Teacher in the Bedford Central School District; and

WHEREAS, Constance Evelyn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the College of Staten Island, a Master of Science degree in Special Education Pre-K through Grade 12, and a Supervision and Administrative degree from Long Island University; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, this esteemed woman was selected to serve on the Smart Schools Commission, a three-member commission tasked with recommending the best way to spend available funds to boost technology in classrooms across New York State; and

WHEREAS, A caring, competent and committed leader, Constance Evelyn's character and integrity are the hallmarks of her life and work as a school district leader, a community volunteer and as a person; her quiet approach and caring attitude creates confidence and loyalty among colleagues and friends alike; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and respected educational leader; her wisdom and contributions reached into every classroom, and she truly made a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with her; and

WHEREAS, Constance Evelyn has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the

Auburn Enlarged City School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Robert, and their

two sons, Keiro and Denzall, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, In completing her service as a District Superintendent of Schools, Constance Evelyn leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Auburn community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Constance Evelyn for her ceaseless dedication as Superintendent of the Auburn Enlarged City School District, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Constance Evelyn.