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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Superintendent Leueen Smithling upon the occasion of her retirement after eight years of distinguished service to the Beaver River Central School District

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 acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Superintendent Leueen Smithling upon the occasion of her retirement after eight years of distinguished service to the Beaver River Central School District; she will officially retire in the summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Leueen Smithling rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Beaver River Central School District; in addition, she has been a dedicated educator for almost four decades; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 8, 1954, in Cortland, New York, Leueen Miller attended the State University of New York at Buffalo, and earned her Bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, she furthered her education by obtaining her Master's degree in Education from the State University of New York at Oneonta; in 2002, she received an Educational Leadership Certificate in Advanced Studies from the State University of New York at Oswego; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Leueen Miller began her illustrious teaching career

as a New York Home Economics Teacher at Richfield Springs Central School; on August 7, 1977, she married her husband, Timothy Smithling; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, the Smithling family relocated to Northern New York, and Leueen Smithling accepted the position of New York Home Economics Teacher at Thousand islands Central School, a title she held until 1979; she then moved on to Beaver River Central School, teaching Economics for twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, As a teacher, Leueen Smithling displayed a deep commitment to providing instruction and emotional support, serving the young people of her community with intelligence, compassion, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Leueen Smithling became interested in the administrative side of education; from 2002- 2003, she held the position of Interim Assistant Elementary Principal at Lowville Academy and Central School; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Leueen Smithling was promoted to Principal of Lowville Academy and Central School, New York, Middle School; after four years of service, she accepted the esteemed role of Superintendent of Schools at Beaver River Central School District, a position she will hold until retiring in the summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Superintendent, Leueen Smithling has navigated the district through a period of difficult staffing cuts, and subsequently, led the "Save Our School" campaign; in addition, she oversaw several major capital projects, including the renovation of the auditorium, and the addition of a new track and turf field; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her successful career, Leueen Smithling has served on the Board of Directors for the Rural School Association, and has been a dedicated member of several educational organizations such as the New York State School Boards Association, the New York State Council of

School Superintendents, and the New York State Association of Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Leueen Smithling was a previous Adjunct Instruc-

tor for the State University of New York at Oswego's Educational Administration Program; and

WHEREAS, For her outstanding service to the citizens of Northern New York, Leueen Smithling was the recipient of the 2003 Oswego State University John Readling Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Timothy, with her throughout have been their three children, Brian (Pria), Brad (Jennifer) and Katelyn; and two grandchildren, Elise and Allayna, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, After her retirement, Leueen Smithling plans on reading some good books, traveling with her husband, and spending time with her beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Superintendent Leueen Smithling upon the occasion of her retirement after eight years of distinguished service to the Beaver River Central School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Superintendent Leueen Smithling.