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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending James Houseknecht upon the occasion of his retirement after 57 years of distinguished service to Buffalo Public Schools

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James Houseknecht upon the occasion of his retirement after 57 years of distinguished service to Buffalo Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, James Houseknecht's boundless energy and loyalty for the students and staff, as well as his sense of duty and responsibility all define him as a man of singular distinction; and

WHEREAS, James Houseknecht began working in the Buffalo Public School system in March of 1959; for almost six decades, he has served as a custodian at the Harvey Austin Elementary School, a position from which he will officially retire in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Currently, at the age of 77, James Houseknecht holds the title of Heating Equipment Technician; in this position he strives to make sure the school's heating system is continuously operating, ensuring the children and the staff are both comfortable and safe; and

WHEREAS, Known for his strong work ethic and steadfast character, James Houseknecht is always at work early and stays late to make sure the school is running efficiently; and

WHEREAS, After his much deserved retirement, James Houseknecht looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Patricia, and his two children, as well as his extended family; an animal lover, he will also

enjoy caring for horses at a local farm; and

WHEREAS, James Houseknecht's skills and high standards of excellence have truly benefited the entire Buffalo Public School community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his esteemed career, James Houseknecht has served the Buffalo Public School system with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, James Houseknecht will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend James Houseknecht upon the occasion of his retirement after 57 years of distinguished service to Buffalo Public Schools, and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Houseknecht.