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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Teresa Lawrence upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Graduate School of Education Distinguished Alumni Award by the University at Buffalo on May 13, 2016

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lawrence has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Teresa Lawrence upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Graduate School of Education Distinguished Alumni Award by the University at Buffalo at its Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, This honor is bestowed upon an alumnus who has impacted the field of education through an exemplary history of research, teaching and service; Teresa Lawrence is being recognized for her contributions to the field of education in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lawrence has been active in the Western New York education arena for 25 years, serving in the roles of Teacher, Lecturer, Consultant and Staff Developer; she currently serves as Superintendent of Schools for the Grand Island Central School District; and

WHEREAS, Completing her Ph.D. in social foundations, Teresa Lawrence also earned her Master's degree, administrative certificates, and an advanced certificate in education from the University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Prepared to know the context in which learning takes place and apply theory into her daily practice, Teresa Lawrence is respected for her innovative ideas, dedication to education, and passion for ensuring her students receive the best possible educational experience;

and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lawrence has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the Western New York community, Teresa Lawrence is known for her commitment to mentoring and coaching aspiring school leaders; in addition, she serves on numerous boards and committees which seek to improve her community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Teresa Lawrence has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Teresa Lawrence has displayed throughout her life; 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 this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Teresa Lawrence upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Graduate School of Education Distinguished Alumni Award by the University at Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Teresa Lawrence.