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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Yorktown Central School District upon the occasion of being named a National School District of Character by Character.org

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging the outstanding achievements of its esteemed public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Yorktown Central School District was recently named a National School District of Character by Character.org; the non-profit will recognize the district during its National Forum on Character

Education in Washington, D.C. from October 14 - 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Yorktown Central School District was notified that it was named a Statewide School District of Character in February; it was the only district in New York, and the first time a district in Westchester County has received this honor; and

WHEREAS, After a site visit and other reviews, Character.org notified the District that it had progressed to a National School District of Character in a letter sent on May 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Superintendent Dr. Ralph Napolitano, the Yorktown Central School District is one of only four districts in the entire country that received this prestigious designation; and

WHEREAS, The award recognizes the Yorktown Central School District's ongoing commitment to character education, which is reflected in its mission statement, core beliefs, and practices; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is immensely proud of the Yorktown Central School District and the example it sets for other districts throughout New York State and across the country; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Yorktown Central School District upon the occasion of being named a National School District of Character by Character.org; and be

it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Ralph Napolitano, Superintendent of Schools, Yorktown Central School District.