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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Virginia Esposito upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished School Board Service

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 commend Virginia Esposito upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished School Board Service, to be celebrated at her last Board Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016; she will officially retire on June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For the past nine years, Virginia "Ginny" Esposito has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as a member of the Board to the Orange-Ulster BOCES; she also served as member and past President of the Pine Bush Central School District Board of Education (BOE) from 1998 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Orange-Ulster Cooperative Board, Virginia Esposito has been part of a team which works hard to provide quality services to all students, including incarcerated youth and adult learners; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Virginia Esposito played a role in the conception and oversight of the transformation of the Arden Hill Hospital into the Orange-Ulster BOCES Regional Education Center at Arden Hill as well as providing oversight and support of the implementation and expansion of the OUBOCES Autism program; and

WHEREAS, While serving as President of the Pine Bush BOE on 9/11,

Virginia Esposito was instrumental in the organization of the first coordinated Orange County Swat Team and Air National Guard drills at Pine Bush schools in preparation for possible active shooters breaching the schools; and

WHEREAS, As a strong school advocate, Virginia Esposito oversaw the implementation of the Outdoor Adventure Education program at Pine Bush High School which provided an alternate physical education experience for students and was the first in the County; as President of the Board of Education, she was responsible for the administration of Academies at the Pine Bush School District; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Virginia Esposito devoted many hours of her personal time in order to attend every sporting event, musical and art display at Pine Bush schools; and

WHEREAS, A long standing member of the New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA), Virginia Esposito was selected as one of 12 NYSSBA Board Members to be an advocate for education and a guest speaker for organizations wanting to understand school budgets; she also received recognition for her participation in numerous NYSSBA activities, and was selected and served as a Presider for a number of NYSSBA conventions; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Virginia Esposito is a Pastor at Maybrook United Methodist Church and has been a member or past member of the following organizations: Walden Sportsmen's Club; Orange County School Boards Association, where she served as Secretary, Treasurer, and First Vice President; National Association of Paralegals; National School Board Association; and the Classic Choral Society; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Virginia Esposito is the Confidential Secretary to the County Attorney, Orange County Attorney's Office, and a Human Rights Assistant with the Orange County Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure as a Board Member, Virginia Esposito served with loyalty, honor, and distinction; she has earned the admiration,

esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Community leaders like Virginia Esposito provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has clearly had an enduring impact on the community, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Virginia Esposito upon the occasion of her retirement after 18 years of distinguished School Board Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Virginia Esposito.