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Senate Resolution No. 651

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMENDING James Newton upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Tonawanda 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 achievements in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and accomplishments have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend James Newton upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Tonawanda School District; and

WHEREAS, After more than three decades of steadfast and unwavering service as an educator and administrator, James Newton will officially retire from the esteemed position of Superintendent of the City of Tonawanda School District on July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, James Newton has held numerous positions in the education field as Junior-High Principal, Middle-High School Principal; in January of 2013, he was appointed Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, James Newton strived to create a positive school climate, increase the graduation rate and raise student achievement; he soon reached his goal and pledged to do even better; and

WHEREAS, Truly dedicated to the students, James Newton was involved in the community as a member of the Exchange Club, Kiwanis Club, and a Board member for the Northtowns Boys and Girls Club; he enjoyed attending various social events, such as athletic games, concerts, technology competitions, pep rallies and ceremonies as dedication to his scholars; and

WHEREAS, James Newton has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered at the City of Tonawanda School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Educators like James Newton 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, James Newton has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the City of Tonawanda School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as an educator and administrator, James Newton leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Tonawanda community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend James Newton upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Tonawanda School District; and be it further

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