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Senate Resolution No. 1475

BY: Senator AKSHAR

CONGRATULATING the Windsor Central School District upon the occasion of being recognized as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar School District by the P21 Exemplar Program

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Windsor Central School District upon the occasion of being named the only district in New York State and 1 of 12 districts across the country, a 21st Century Learning Exemplar School District; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, the United States Department of Education, along with Ken Kay, Diny Golder-Dardis, AOL Time Warner Foundation, Apple Computer, Inc., Cable in the Classroom, Cisco Systems, Inc., Dell Computer Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, and the National Education Association as well as SAP founded the 21st Century Learning Exemplar Program or P21; and

WHEREAS, The coalition was formed to bring together the business community, education and policymakers to position 21st century readiness at the center of United States kindergarten-12 education and to kick-start a national conversation of the importance of 21st century skills for all students; and

WHEREAS, The Windsor Central School District is proud to recognize the great work that its teachers and students are doing every day; under the extraordinary leadership of Superintendent, Dr. Jason A. Andrews, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Scott Beattie, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services, Andrew Forentino, Director of Data, Accountability and Continuous Improvement, Barbara Phillips, and Windsor Middle School Teacher, Stephanie Olbrys, this innovative School is committed to preparing students to be successful and enlightened, whether they are college bound or interested in working in the trade industry; and

WHEREAS, The Windsor Central School District was evaluated on six areas of designation: evidence of commitment to college, career and life readiness, educational support systems and sustainable design, engaged learning approaches, equitable student access to 21st century learning, evidence of student acquisition of 21st century knowledge and skills, and partnerships for sustainable success; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in elementary school, students at the Windsor Central School District have been working with robotics and learning code; even the youngest students have access to iPads and other forms of innovative learning methods using applicable learning methods; and

WHEREAS, The Windsor Central School District has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an

unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The Windsor Central School District stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Windsor Central School District upon the occasion of being recognized as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar School District by the P21 Exemplar Program, noting the significance of its accomplishments and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Jason A. Andrews, Superintendent, the Windsor Central School District.