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Senate Resolution No. 2273

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Thomas Kachadurian upon the occasion of being named the 2017 New York State Secondary Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State and the National Association of Elementary School Principals

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 sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge individuals 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 honor Thomas Kachadurian upon the occasion of being named the 2017 New York State Secondary Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State and the National Association of Elementary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kachadurian is being recognized with this auspicious

award for setting the pace, character, and quality of education for the students in his school; he is steadfastly committed to students, parents, and the community, and has shown exceptional contributions to the educational process; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kachadurian, an associate principal at Colonie Central High School in the South Colonie Central School District, is known as a dedicated leader with limitless energy, empowering both students and staff to embody a culture of caring and commitment to the greater school community; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to return the Colonie Central High School culture to a place of Raider pride where all students and staff share ownership and responsibility for their community, Thomas Kachadurian created Raiderfest, an event focused on celebrating community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he developed iCARE, a unique character education program designed to give a voice to the voiceless, and empower the marginalized and disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kachadurian, a tireless champion of what it means to be a person of character, has been instrumental in developing his students self-confidence, as well as communication and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hartwick College, Thomas Kachadurian went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Education from SUNY Albany, and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Thomas Kachadurian 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, Thomas Kachadurian has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Colonie Central High School, as well as the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas Kachadurian upon the occasion of being named the 2017 New York State Secondary Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State and the National Association of Elementary School Principals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Kachadurian.