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Senate Resolution No. 3357

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Linda Romano upon the occasion of being named the 2018 National ACTE Teacher of the Year by the Association for Career and Technical Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those dedicated individuals, who strive to enhance the quality of education for our students, and whose accomplishments, character and community commitment inspire all citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Linda Romano upon the occasion of being named the 2018 National ACTE Teacher of the Year by the Association for Career and Technical Education, celebrated at its National Conference on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Newburgh Health Science Educator Linda Romano was recognized with this prestigious award for demonstrating innovation in the classroom, a commitment to her students, and a steadfast dedication to the improvement of CTE in her classroom and community; and

WHEREAS, After starting a nurse aide program at Newburgh Free Academy in 2006, Linda Romano, with her unique blend of traditional,

modern and outside-the-box teaching methods, has been instrumental in the growth of enrollment from 12 students to 214 students in the span of 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary growth led to the hiring of two additional faculty members, and its graduates have become key members of the local healthcare workforce and community; and

WHEREAS, With an unwavering commitment to her profession, Linda Romano splits her time between Newburgh Free Academy and Elant Inc., a local nursing home where she works side by side with her students to ensure they complete the necessary clinical requirements for CNA certification and to transform them into professional-grade caregivers; and

WHEREAS, A truly inspirational educator, Linda Romano has chaired the school's Building Leadership Team, co-chaired the Health and Safety Team, organized numerous blood drives, conducted CPR/AED training for staff and students, and written curriculum for the nursing program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she mentors new teachers and participates in extensive professional development, sharing her creative teaching style for project-based learning; and

WHEREAS, Linda Romano is a tireless volunteer, spending her weekends at the Newburgh Armory, a local community center, where she teaches math and reading skills through CTE concepts; she is currently developing a health science class, as well as an after school program which will support academics and CTE for middle school-age students; and

WHEREAS, An active member of numerous state and national

professional organizations, Linda Romano has presented at several conferences and has served on State Education Department and Department of Health work groups, writing and mapping curriculum; and

WHEREAS, As a knowledgeable and highly skilled teacher, Linda Romano has improved the quality of education at Newburgh Free Academy by leading and supporting staff with enthusiasm, cultivating a positive and stimulating school environment for her students, and creating a greater sense of community; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Linda Romano continually demonstrates an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the Newburgh Free Academy for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Linda Romano upon the occasion of being named the 2018 National ACTE Teacher of the Year by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda Romano.