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Senate Resolution No. 4235

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Denise A. Dunbar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Denise A. Dunbar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, New York State is home to countless women, strong and colorful threads vital to the fabric of our rich heritage, who have and continue to contribute to the advancement of our culture through their traditional and non-traditional roles in society; and

WHEREAS, The Zonta Club, an international organization of professional women who work to advance the status of women through service and advocacy, sets aside March 8th of each year as Yellow Rose Day, to honor the accomplishments of women worldwide; the Zonta Club of

Grand Island takes this opportunity to honor women whose courage, determination and dedication have made a difference in the lives of others within the community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, Denise A. Dunbar has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Denise A. Dunbar has been principal of Charlotte Sidway Elementary School since April of 2006, prior to which she served as principal at Pembroke Primary School, Pembroke, New York, from 2004-2006; and

WHEREAS, Denise A. Dunbar began her illustrious career in education in 1986, as a first-grade teacher; she also worked as a pre-first, kindergarten and reading recovery teacher before becoming assistant principal at the Wolcott Street School in LeRoy, New York; and

WHEREAS, After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and teaching certification from SUNY Potsdam, Denise A. Dunbar went on to receive a master's degree in early childhood education from SUNY Geneseo; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she earned certification in educational administration and supervision from SUNY Oswego, as well as reading recovery certification through Monroe 2 BOCES and SUNY Brockport; and

WHEREAS, Denise A. Dunbar has been a member of the Zonta Club since 2012, serving on the board of directors and several committees; she is

also a volunteer for the SPCA and John B. Oishei Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Mark, and their daughter, Nicole, who have both shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; she is also the proud mother of the late Nathan; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Denise A. Dunbar has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Denise A. Dunbar, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Denise A. Dunbar upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Yellow Rose Award by the Zonta Club of Grand Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Denise A. Dunbar.