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Senate Resolution No. 4851

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Howard D. Mettelman upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 14 years of distinguished service as Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES District Superintendent

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Howard D. Mettelman upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 14 years of distinguished service as Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES District Superintendent; he will officially retire from this esteemed position on Saturday, June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Howard D. Mettelman has committed more than 45 years of his life to children and their education in the Mohawk Valley; he has served as the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison (OHM) BOCES District Superintendent since April of 2004, following more than five years as the Oriskany Central School District's superintendent; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has served the Madison-Oneida BOCES, the Camden Central School District and Notre Dame in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Howard D. Mettelman is a true leader whose unwavering service to children, the BOCES' 12 component school districts, and their communities, has made him a role model for administrators and educators across New York State; and

WHEREAS, As a District Superintendent, Howard D. Mettelman serves a dual role as the Commissioner of Education's representative for the 12 component school districts in the OHM BOCES region, and as the Chief Executive Officer of the OHM BOCES; and

WHEREAS, Through these roles, Howard D. Mettelman tirelessly advocates on behalf of all students with both state and federal elected officials to offer equity and access for all students; he also serves as a mentor to up-and-coming administrators through his leadership role with Education Leadership Mohawk Valley (ELMV); and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Howard D. Mettelman was instrumental in a capital project which renovated and expanded the facilities at the Middle Settlement Road campus into a state-of-the-art facility currently used to prepare students and adults for both college and careers after they graduate; he also oversaw the creation of the Mandarin Chinese distance learning program which serves more than 700 students in grades 6-12 throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Howard D. Mettelman secured a Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant initiative and, most recently, worked with the 12 component school districts to launch the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program, permitting students to obtain their Regents diploma and an associate's degree from Mohawk Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 14 years, Howard D. Mettelman has seen the expansion of programs in career and technical education, special education and alternative education; his work with the School and Business Alliance has led to the growth of more than 1,300 student internships in collaboration with business and industry in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Howard D. Mettelman's leadership, vision and commitment to partnerships to better the education for the region's children have profoundly impacted the entire Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, The community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a dedicated and respected educational leader; his wisdom and contributions reached into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Howard D. Mettelman has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at OHM BOCES 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 Howard D. Mettelman upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 14 years of distinguished service as Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES District Superintendent; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Howard D. Mettelman.