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Senate Resolution No. 4968

BY: Senator COMRIE

HONORING Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of dedicated service as an educator

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones 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 Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of dedicated service as an educator, to be celebrated with a Party in her honor on June 14, 2018, at P12, Lynbrook, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Queens, New York, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Administration and Queens College with a Master's degree in Elementary Education and Media Technology; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding went on to attend the College of Saint Rose where she obtained a certificate and license in Elementary

Administration and District supervision; and

WHEREAS, Upon her graduation from Rutgers University, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding married her childhood sweetheart, Shawn; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding began her illustrious career in education as a substitute teacher for the Department of Education in 1984, before obtaining a full-time position as a Science teacher at Allen Christian School in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, After ten years, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding left Allen Christian School to pursue a full-time career with the Department of Education at P.S. 273 in Brooklyn, and then returned to her community to work at P.S. 251Q; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding served as an Academic Intervention teacher and Reading Specialist for at-risk students; she has also served as the Test Coordinator team leader and as UFT Chapter Leader for the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding was instrumental in the successful implementation of the school's Positive Behavior Intervention System (P.B.I.S.); and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding enjoys making pies for a local charity which feeds the less fortunate during Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Shawn, with her throughout have been her two sons, Duvalle and Devin, a daughter-in-law, Jade, and two grandchildren, Aria and Malcolm, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding 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, Throughout her career, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to her work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person she educated; and

WHEREAS, In completing her service as an educator, Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves behind a legacy to the students of P.S. 251Q and to the residents of the Queens community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding upon the occasion of her retirement, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vanessa Helen Miles-Gooding.