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Senate Resolution No. 5841

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Shannon Lundgren upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant accomplishments 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, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Shannon Lundgren upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award; and

WHEREAS, The Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award was created by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in 2016, to support exemplary teachers across New York State who foster creativity, instill a love of learning, motivate students to maintain high expectations and academic goals, and make a difference in the lives of students; Shannon Lundgren is truly committed to her students and sharing her innovative practices with

fellow educators; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Lundgren was presented with this prestigious award on Monday, May 7, 2018, in front of a packed room during a regularly scheduled faculty meeting; in addition, she received a substantial check to use for professional development purposes; and

WHEREAS, A longtime Spanish teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School, Shannon Lundgren coordinates the district's Teacher Mentor program, which pairs veteran educators with new teachers to provide support, encouragement and understanding in an effort to ensure their success in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, David Lundgren, who has shown her love and support and rejoices in her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, The future success of our State and Nation is dependent upon individuals such as Shannon Lundgren, who dedicate their lives as educators, nurturing our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Shannon Lundgren 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, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Shannon Lundgren clearly has an enduring impact on the youth of Bethlehem Central Middle School, as well as on the community-at-large,

and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career thus far, Shannon Lundgren has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to her work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person she educates; 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 Shannon Lundgren upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shannon Lundgren.