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Senate Resolution No. 148

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Amber Chandler upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Educator of the Year Award by the Association of Middle Level Education

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Amber Chandler upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Educator of the Year Award by the Association of Middle Level Education; this momentous occasion was celebrated in October of 2018, at the 45th Annual Conference for Middle Level Education in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award, supported by the AMLE Foundation Fund, recognizes outstanding professionals in middle level education who have made a significant impact on the lives of young adolescents through exemplary leadership, vision, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Amber Chandler, an English language arts teacher at

Frontier Middle School in Hamburg, New York, has 18 years of experience instructing middle school, high school, and college students, as well as providing professional development and mentoring to teachers at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, As an educator, Amber Chandler creates a positive, supportive learning environment, which centers on developing the whole child; she actively engages all learners by providing instruction which allows her students to communicate, collaborate, be creative, and think critically with their peers to build projects relative to their learning; and

WHEREAS, A National Board Certified Teacher, Amber Chandler is author of the book, *The Flexible ELA Classroom*, a columnist for *AMLE Magazine*, and an active education blogger; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary woman is an America Achieves National Lead Fellow, recipient of a Social Emotional Learning Innovation Award from the NoVo Foundation and Education First, an expert review panelist for "Evaluating the Content and Quality of Next Generation Assessments" with the Thomas Fordham Foundation, and has presented at state and national education conferences; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, with a tireless and unwavering commitment to her students, Amber Chandler was awarded a Teaching Tolerance Educator Grant to start a literary arts magazine at her school; and

WHEREAS, The Hamburg community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and respected educational leader; her wisdom and contributions reach into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to work with her; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Amber Chandler continually demonstrates an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Frontier Middle School 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 Amber Chandler upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2018 Educator of the Year Award by the Association of Middle Level Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Amber Chandler.