

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Maryanne Lehrer, Trustee of the Oceanside, New York Board of Education upon the occasion of her retirement from the board after 36 years of service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals whose exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community and their profession have significantly enhanced the quality of education in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its gratitude and as an expression of its great respect and high regard, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to Maryanne Lehrer, Trustee of the Oceanside, New York Board of Education upon the occasion of her retirement from the board after 36 years of distinguished and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science degree in Education from Brooklyn College of The City University of New York where she was elected to Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer formerly taught in Ann Arbor, Michigan and Boston, Massachusetts; married to Sander Lehrer, the Lehrers have three children who attended the Oceanside schools, and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer has served as a Trustee of the Oceanside Board of Education for 36 years, since 1977; she served five years as President of the Board and two years as Vice President; she has worked with five different Superintendents of the Oceanside schools, starting with Dr. William F. Tucker and Victor A. Leccesse and including 15 years with Herb R. Brown, the current Superintendent of the Oceanside schools; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer takes just and special pride in her role in establishing the Oceanside Middle School, in maintaining a strong neighborhood school concept, in putting education dollars into programs which serve students at all levels of achievement, and in supporting school budgets which provide for effective and efficient education; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her roles on the Board of Education, Maryanne Lehrer now serves or has served in many capacities promoting educational excellence in public schools including service as the Federal Relations Network representative of the National School Boards Association for her Congressional District, promoting support for education at the national level with an emphasis on securing adequate levels of funding for essential programs; membership on the Executive Board and Legislative, Dues and Nominating Committees of the Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, She has also served as Membership Chair of the WLIW/Channel 21 Instructional Television Service Committee, on which she represents the school boards of Long Island; representative of the Nassau County school boards to the New York State School Boards Resolution Committee; Legislation Chairperson of the Nassau District PTA and the Oceanside PTA Council; and President of the Florence A. Smith PTA; and

WHEREAS Maryanne Lehrer has served as well as a member of the Town of Hempstead Landfill Committee; chairperson, panelist, and lecturer at numerous forums, workshops and classes dealing with educational issues including school finance, child abuse, academic censorship, shared decision making and many others; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer is, in addition, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Oceanside, Oceanside Kiwanettes, the Florence A. Smith Scholarship Committee, Temple Avodah, the Epilepsy Foundation of Nassau County,

ACLD, the American Institute of Parliamentarians, Women's American ORT,

B'nai B'rith Women and Oceanside High School, SEPTA, and Empire State PTAs and, she was a leader in the enactment of legislation which banned corporal punishment in the schools of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer has fittingly been honored many times for her commitment, dedication and service to her community and numerous worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Maryanne Lehrer was named Woman of the Year by B'nai B'rith and Sons of Italy for her contributions to community brotherhood; in 1987, she was honored with the Oceanside-Island Park Rotary Club's Golden Wheel Award for "a lifetime of dedication to the Oceanside Community;" and, in 1990, she was honored by UJA as Temple Avodah's Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer is a recipient of an honorary life membership in the National Congress of PTAs, as well as the New York State PTA; she has been honored for community service and by the UFT for being a friend of education; she received the New York State PTA Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association; in 2012, she received a New York State School Boards Association award for Educational Excellence and, most recently, in February 2013, she was awarded the New York State PTA Diamond Award; and

WHEREAS, To each of her endeavors Maryanne Lehrer has brought her extensive and varied experience, her familiarity with the Oceanside Union Free School District, and her enduring commitment to quality education and to the children and families of the Oceanside community; and

WHEREAS, Maryanne Lehrer has been a true leader of the Oceanside Union Free School District; she is a caring, compassionate and committed member of the Oceanside community who has made a positive difference in the lives of her colleagues and of thousands of youth in the district and has justly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of students, faculty and staff, parents, and the community alike; and

WHEREAS, In completing her service as a Trustee of the Oceanside Board of Education Maryanne Lehrer leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves a legacy of quality education and community spirit to the residents of the Oceanside Union Free School District, to future generations of its students, and to her colleagues, friends, and family, many of whom will gather at Temple Avodah in Oceanside on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 to honor her and to wish her well; and

WHEREAS, Through her dedication and commitment to the Oceanside Union  
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Free School District Maryanne Lehrer has contributed significantly to the Oceanside community, its students, educators, and administrators and, most importantly, to its quality of education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Maryanne Lehrer, Trustee of the Oceanside, New York Board of Education upon the occasion of her retirement from the board after 36 years of distinguished and dedicated service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maryanne Lehrer with the appreciation and best wishes of this Legislative Body.