

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kenneth M. Reeves upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 distinguished years of dedicated service to the New York City Department of Education

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, 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 concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kenneth M. Reeves upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of dedicated service to the New York City Department of Education; a retirement celebration will be held on Friday, May 3, 2013 at Terrace on the Park in Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth M. Reeves started his career with the NYC Board of Education in 1985 as a Management Auditor working in the office of the Auditor General; he worked his way up the professional ladder and, in 1993, Chancellor Ramon Cortines appointed him Director of Operations on the management team of Community District 17, where he remained for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Kenneth M. Reeves' prodigious administrative and leadership skills led to his joining the Department of Education's newly formed Regional Operations Center; he was assigned to work as the Regional Operations Supervisor in Region 7, supporting schools in Districts 20 and 21 in Brooklyn and District 31 in Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, Five years later, Kenneth M. Reeves transitioned into the Empowerment support structure, out of which emerged the Children First Network (CFN) structure; he was named Director of Operations for CFN 4, one of the first networks formed; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth M. Reeves' role expanded as the networks grew to be aligned with clusters and CFN 4 became CFN 101, supported by Cluster 1; he was an integral member of CFN 101 for approximately four years; his final appointment was in the Central Budget Office where he worked until his retirement in December 2012; and

WHEREAS, Public servants like Kenneth M. Reeves provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, providing the crucial infrastructure needed to support generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth M. Reeves has clearly had an enduring impact on the New York City education system and its youth, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Kenneth M. Reeves upon the occasion of his retirement after 27 years of dedicated service in education, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenneth M. Reeves.

