

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending The Brooklyn Latin School upon the occasion of being named the top public high school in New York State by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT: BEST HIGH SCHOOLS 2013

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 recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend The Brooklyn Latin School in Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of being named the top public high school in New York State by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT: BEST HIGH SCHOOLS 2013; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, The Brooklyn Latin School was ranked No. 21 out of roughly 21,000 public high schools; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Latin School opened its doors in the fall of 2006 to 63 students who represented every borough of New York City, as well as countries as diverse as Poland, Nigeria and Israel; it now serves more than 300 students in grades 9-12, 87 percent of whom are students of color; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Latin School is one of a handful of specialized high schools in New York City, and the only one to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, an advanced academic and extra-curricular curriculum designed to help students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in the world community; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Latin School provides a specialized, classical education, including the study of Latin and Greek, in a disciplined academic environment; the school strives to provide the groundwork for understanding the foundations of our society, while developing the leadership capacity of its students so that they may serve as leaders; and

WHEREAS, The faculty and staff of The Brooklyn Latin School have high expectations of their scholars; all students are expected to devote three hours per night to study, and to participate in extracurricular and community service activities; moreover, all students are expected to attend a four year college upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Latin School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty, students and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to providing the highest quality education for students is the hallmark and tradition of The Brooklyn Latin School; and

WHEREAS, As it progresses further into the 21st Century, The Brooklyn Latin School stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, promoting the maximum growth of every student, and developing the skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend The Brooklyn Latin School in Brooklyn, New York, upon the occasion of being named the top public high school in New York State by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT: BEST HIGH SCHOOLS 2013, noting the significance of

its accomplishment, and recognizing the role such effective schools play

in transforming the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Brooklyn Latin School.