

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Herb R. Brown upon the occasion of his retirement after many distinguished years as an educator

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 Dr. Herb R. Brown, Superintendent, Oceanside School District, upon the occasion of his retirement after many distinguished years as an educator to be celebrated at a dinner on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at Kombert Caterers at Temple Avodah, Oceanside, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, Dr. Herb R. Brown attended Brooklyn College and earned a bachelor's degree in economics; he then received a master's degree in economics, and a doctorate in education administration from New York University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herb R. Brown has served as Superintendent of Schools in Oceanside since July 1, 1997; he became Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Business in 1986, and then Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Prior to coming to Oceanside, Dr. Herb R. Brown was a Mathematics Chairperson and Assistant to the Superintendent in East Meadow; he also taught mathematics in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of the Oceanside School District is due in large part to the efforts of Dr. Herb R. Brown; and

WHEREAS, As Superintendent, Dr. Herb R. Brown was particularly instrumental in the creation of Oceanside's full-day Kindergarten Center, instituting foreign language in the elementary schools, providing access to up-to-date technology for all students, the creation of the district's website, teaching algebra to all 8th grade students, and making appropriate changes in the curriculum to enable all students to meet and exceed the New York State Learning Standards; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Herb R. Brown implemented a social/emotional literacy program, a personal finance curriculum (required for graduation), a teacher/student mentor program and a student/student mentoring program at his school; he also applied a research program in grades 7 - 12, middle school enrichment programs, six world languages at Oceanside High School, and four world languages programs at Oceanside Middle School, and more than 20 Advanced Placement courses, many college courses and a special education collaborative K-12 program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herb R. Brown presented at numerous conferences and, in 1991, he was the recipient of the Raymond R. Delaney Memorial Scholarship from the New York State Council of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Dr. Herb R. Brown was voted as the Administrator of the Year by the Nassau Schools Library System; he also received the BOCES Education Partner Award in 2010, the Town of Hempstead Make a Difference Award in 2000, and in 1999, Oceanside Kiwanis presented him with the Heart of Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, From 1989-1999, Dr. Herb R. Brown served as President of the Nassau School Business Officials; he also held the position of President of the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents in 2011/2012; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Herb R. Brown teaches a graduate course in school finance at the College of St. Rose; prior to that, he taught economics courses at Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Marian, and their four children, and three grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to

be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herb R. Brown has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the Oceanside School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as Superintendent, Dr. Herb R. Brown leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Oceanside community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Herb R. Brown upon the occasion of his retirement, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Herb R. Brown.