

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to the Owego-Apalachin Central School District, Owego, New York

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 concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement as Associate Superintendent of Owego-Apalachin Central School District after 40 years of love and devotion to the students, faculty, administrators, parents and community; he will officially retire on June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. embarked on his educational career at Owego-Apalachin Central School District in 1973, after graduating from Mansfield University; and

WHEREAS, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. began as a third grade teacher; he then became a fourth grade teacher, a sixth grade teacher and department chair, assistant high school principal, high school principal, lead secondary principal, and director of the secondary schools, all prior to holding the esteemed position of Associate Superintendent since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Known for his commitment to putting young people first in all his endeavors, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. initiated numerous opportunities for student engagement and excellence in the Owego-Apalachin Central School District including starting the Owego Free Academy School Store managed by special education students, the Owego Free Academy Pep Band, Advanced Placement and Tompkins-Cortland Community College courses at Owego Free Academy, advising the Cribbage and Chess Clubs, and introducing Japanese as a course of study, as well as taking students to the Inauguration of United States President Clinton in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Furthering this commitment, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. was the first educator in the Owego-Apalachin Central School District to incorporate inclusion teaching methods in his classroom in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Acknowledging his professionalism, expertise and efforts of in-depth magnitude, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. was selected to serve as an advisor for the New York Adequacy Study: "Determining the Cost of Providing All Children in New York an Adequate Education" led by Dr. Jay G. Chambers, Dr. Thomas B. Parrish, Dr. Jesse D. Levin, Dr. James R. Smith, Dr. James W. Guthrie, Ric C. Seder and Dr. Lori Taylor; he was also selected to represent the esteemed group by presenting its findings to the Commissioner of Education and Chancellor of the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, A skilled athlete and coach, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. shared those talents with young athletes in the Owego-Apalachin Central School District for 14 years, coaching football and track on many levels; his Owego Free Academy Varsity Football Team was the Division II co-champion in 1983; and in 1986, the Team won the Division II Championship and posted an undefeated regular season; and

WHEREAS, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. was instrumental in helping dozens of high school athletes participate in Division I collegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his extraordinary tenure his passion for helping children was evident in his kindness and gentleness, so much so

that parents would rely on him to deliver very sensitive news to their own children; and

WHEREAS, Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. has earned the respect and admiration of his students, colleagues, peers and community for the exceptional commitment, care and standard of excellence he has brought to the Owego-Apalachin Central School District and the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 38 years, Noreen, their two sons, Sean and Daniel, two daughters-in-law, Christina and Katherine, and one granddaughter, Natalie, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Bernard C. Dolan has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Owego-Apalachin Central School District, 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 practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals whose lifework is to support our proud tradition of public education, employing their skills and talents for the benefit of youth and our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bernard C. Dolan, Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement as Associate Superintendent of Owego-Apalachin Central School District, after 40 years of exemplary service in education, and for his significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bernard C. Dolan, Jr.