

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Joseph Marinelli upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of dedicated service in 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 concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Joseph Marinelli upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of dedicated service in education; he will officially retire on Monday, October 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Born in Mount Vernon, New York, Joseph Marinelli graduated from North Miami High School in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Marinelli holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, and a Master of Education degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Florida, where he was inducted into Florida Blue Key Leadership Honor Society and later served on the Executive Committee of the University's National Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Dr. Joseph Marinelli holds a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a minor in urban setting and education; his dissertation was recognized for outstanding research by the American Education Finance Association; and

WHEREAS, In his career, Dr. Joseph Marinelli served as Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools in suburban Detroit, Michigan from 1989-1994, and was Associate Superintendent for Planning and Governmental Relations for the Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Florida, from 1977-1989; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Joseph Marinelli also served as Director of Administrative and Support Services and high school guidance counselor of the Union County, Florida School District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Marinelli was the first Washington, D.C. based lobbyist for Florida's Commissioner of Education; he also served as President of the National Association of Educational Program Administrators during which he received the Ralph L. Steffek Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, Dr. Joseph Marinelli has served as the District Superintendent of New York State's Supervisory District of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties and Chief Executive Officer of the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Dr. Joseph Marinelli has overseen Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES distinguish itself for its new and innovative programs and services in the development of school leaders; instructional technology; staff development; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math enrichment and career/technical education for K-12 and adults; alternative high school; special education; and satellite academic programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Marinelli also initiated the creation and upgrade of the BOCES Regional Support Center in Newark; as a result, his tenure staff has doubled to nearly 1,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Dr. Joseph Marinelli has served as a strong advocate for students at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES and local school districts at the state level; and

WHEREAS, While serving as District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marinelli

li has been involved with many national, state, and local organizations, including the Association of Educational Service Agencies where he served as national President and was the 2008 recipient of the Justus Prentice Award for executive leadership in the advancement of educational service agencies; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Dr. Joseph Marinelli serves as Vice President of the Seneca Waterways Council of Boy Scouts of America, past President of the former BSA Finger Lakes Council, and sits on the Executive Committee of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, He has received numerous awards and accolades including the Distinguished Service to Youth Award from the Finger Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Distinguished Citizen Award for the four county region of the Western Finger Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Dr. Joseph Marinelli 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, Dr. Joseph Marinelli has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, 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 Dr. Joseph Marinelli upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 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 Dr. Joseph Marinelli.