

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Tuminaro, Principal of Tottenville High School, upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly four decades of distinguished service as an educator

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 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 John Tuminaro, Principal of Staten Island's Tottenville High School, upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years as an educator; and

WHEREAS, John Tuminaro has spent nearly four decades as an educator with the New York City Public Schools, the last 14 as the Principal of Tottenville High School; he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Wagner College, a Master of Science degree in Secondary Education from Richmond College and graduate degrees in School Administration and Supervision from The City University of New York; and

WHEREAS, John began his career as a teacher of social studies, first at Susan Wagner High School and then at Tottenville High School; he spent several years at Madison High School in Brooklyn, as both a teacher and as Dean of Students, and where he also established a center for environmental studies in collaboration with Brooklyn College and the New York City Council on the Environment; and

WHEREAS, He served as the Assistant Principal for Administration for 12 years at the High School of Telecommunication, Arts, and Technology in Brooklyn before returning to Tottenville High School, where he was appointed Principal in 1999; and

WHEREAS, At Tottenville, he has worked tirelessly with his Assistant Principals, faculty and staff to ensure an inclusive educational environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, Tottenville High School has been cited by the Anti Defamation League (ADL) as a Gold Star School for its work in the No Place For Hate initiative, by the New York City Department of Education as the winner of the Service In The Schools Award and, Tottenville has been consistently recognized over the past several years as one of the best high schools in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the school's many exemplary academic, athletic, and service programs, John Tuminaro is perhaps most proud of the inclusive atmosphere which exists at Tottenville High School, which includes programs for English Language Learners, students with special needs, multiple inclusion programs, and a recognized ASD Program; and

WHEREAS, Over the last several years, Tottenville High School and its students have, in addition, been privileged to partner with Families Helping Families in providing support for its many important programs; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and success of Tottenville High School are due in large part to the efforts of retiring Principal John Tuminaro; and

WHEREAS, John Tuminaro has demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered by Tottenville High School for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire Staten Island community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service to Tottenville High School, John

Tuminaro leaves behind more than bricks and mortar, he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of the Tottenville High School and the Staten Island community and to future generations of its students; and

WHEREAS, As members of the Staten Island community and his colleagues, family and friends honor John Tuminaro, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize milestones in the careers of outstanding educators such as John Tuminaro, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of Staten Island and New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Tuminaro, Principal of Tottenville High School, upon the occasion of his retirement, to commend him for his significant contributions to education in New York State, and to wish him well in his retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Tuminaro upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator.