LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Andy Sachs upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the 28th Annual Ralph J. Sansone Endowment Scholarship Dinner on May 14, 2014

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 Andy Sachs upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the 28th Annual Ralph J. Sansone Endowment Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Sirico's, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andy Sachs has been teaching art and motivating students for 28 years; he graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, Inspired to paint by his grandfather and encouraged by his parents, Andy Sachs has taught painting, drawing, photography, Photoshop, guitar, electronic band, and has produced 26 yearbooks for both John Jay and his current home for the past 19 years, Fort Hamilton High School; he has been coaching the Fort Hamilton Boys Tennis Team for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished realistic, acrylic painter, Andy Sachs specializes in nostalgia, Brooklyn themes, food, and has been featured on the web as well as in shows throughout the local community; and

WHEREAS, In addition, with a passion for music, Andy Sachs is the lead vocalist of his band, 3 Sheets to the Wind NYC, and plays the guitar in a Rock and Blues Trio; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his fiancee, Lisa, and his two children, Valerie and Jesse, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Andy Sachs 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, Andy Sachs has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Fort Hamilton High School, 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 Andy Sachs upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the 28th Annual Ralph J. Sansone Endowment Scholarship Dinner, 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 Andy Sachs.