

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Florence A. Smith School No. 2 upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, on May 9, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Florence A. Smith School No. 2 upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, to be celebrated on Friday, May 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Florence A. Smith School No. 2, of Oceanside, New York, opened its doors in 1964, welcoming the elementary school-aged children of the families moving to the Oceanside community in droves; and

WHEREAS, Named for the long-time principal of its predecessor school, Florence A. Smith School No. 2 has prospered under the leadership of Donald Maresca, now a Board of Education trustee for the Oceanside School District, and its current principal, Thomas Capone; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students is the hallmark and tradition of Florence A. Smith School No. 2; and

WHEREAS, This venerable institution offers its students a warm and enriching learning environment founded in respect, curiosity, and the desire to excel; in addition to academic endeavors, students at Florence A. Smith School No. 2 create art, play musical instruments, challenge their bodies in physical education as well as on the playground, raise funds for a variety of causes, form meaningful relationships with senior citizens in their community, and host an annual conference day where they explore topics important to society; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding administration at Florence A. Smith School No. 2 has fostered a learning environment which promotes the maximum growth of every student, enabling each student to develop the vital skills necessary to succeed throughout their later school years; and

WHEREAS, Florence A. Smith School No. 2 is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Florence A. Smith School No. 2 upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Capone, Principal, Florence A. Smith School No. 2.