

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brown School's Inaugural Donor Recognition Award recipients

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging its esteemed residents and entities who have distinguished themselves in their community; and

WHEREAS, Brown School will present its first ever Donor Recognition Awards during its 120th Anniversary Gala to be held at River Stone Manor on April 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell and Aronowitz, P.C. will receive the Corporate Partnership Award, the Schechter family and the Smachlo family will both receive a Family Leadership Award, and Robert and Carol Keller will receive the Individual Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell and Aronowitz, P.C. opened in 1925 and has provided financial support, legal counsel, volunteer parent support, and leadership on Brown School's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The firm's consistent and valuable support for the last 20 years certainly is an asset to Brown School and exhibits the true spirit of the Corporate Partnership Award; and

WHEREAS, Larry and Joanne Schechter are the proud parents of two Brown School graduates and have been active supporters of the school for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, The Schechters' financial contributions and service to Brown School, including its Board of Trustees, are valuable assets to the school and exhibit the true spirit of the Family Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Kelli Smachlo are the proud parents of three Brown School graduates; they have supported the school through service on its Board of Trustees and through contributions to its athletic programs, educational endowments, facilities, fundraising events, and scholarship programs; and

WHEREAS, The Smachlos' extraordinary service to Brown School is a valuable asset to the school and exhibits the true spirit of the Family Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Carol Keller first joined Brown School's Board of Directors in the 1980s and have served on numerous Board committees and in various leadership positions; they are also the founders of the Brown School Access Endowment, which supports financially disadvantaged students for their entire Brown School education; and

WHEREAS, The Keller's extraordinary service to Brown School is a valuable asset to the school and exhibits the true spirit of the Individual Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York is pleased to join Brown School in recognizing these outstanding donors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the first ever recipients of Brown School's Donor Recognition Awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the firm of O'Connell and Aronowitz, the Schechter family, the Smachlo family, and to Robert and Carol Keller.