LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Leif Ericson Day School on April 29, 2016

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 an enduring pursuit of excellence in education for the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Leif Ericson Day School, to be celebrated on Friday, April 29, 2016, at Dyker Beach Golf Club, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Leif Ericson Day School is a non-profit educational institution incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and an Absolute Charter granted by the Board of Regents of the State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, A rostered elementary school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Leif Ericson Day School had its beginning in 1965, at Salem Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, New York; in 1973, the school relocated to Bethany Lutheran Church's parish education building; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2008, Leif Ericson Day School became an organizational unit of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, supporting it as a quality school with Lutheran emphasis and affiliation; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission as a quality educational ministry, Leif Ericson Day School nurtures the whole person in a safe environment, integrating academic excellence and spiritual formation, and equipping servant leaders for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, As a Christian community of learning, Leif Ericson Day School is deeply committed to its mission and strives for excellence in progressive education; in addition, its shared purpose is built around learning, working, and praying together; and

WHEREAS, Leif Ericson Day School also celebrates the wondrous diversity of cultures, languages, and gifts, and fairness and equality are central ethical principles; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of the Leif Ericson Day School; and

WHEREAS, Within the 21st Century, Leif Ericson Day School stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; and

WHEREAS, Leif Ericson Day School 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Leif Ericson Day School on April 29, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Leif Ericson Day School.