

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sheron Gaspar upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to children with disabilities and their families on August 31, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sheron Gaspar upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to children with disabilities and their families on Wednesday, August 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Forty-three years ago, as a young parent of a child with Down Syndrome, Sheron Gaspar's quest for appropriate educational and therapeutic services for her son hit a dead-end; and

WHEREAS, After locating two other parents of children with similar needs, Sheron Gaspar and the other parents worked together to write a grant which ultimately resulted in a classroom where they could work with their child, learning alongside other parents and their children, while working with professionals; and

WHEREAS, Sheron Gaspar's pursuit resulted in her luminous career at the Early Childhood Education Center, a small non-profit serving preschoolers with disabilities in six counties throughout the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, As the Center's Chief Financial Officer for forty years, Sheron Gaspar has efficiently completed every payroll and signed every check; her ethical standards have stood the test of New York State Office of the State Comptroller, New York State Department of Education Audits as well as multiple other regulators; and

WHEREAS, Sheron Gaspar has provided fine financial management for the Early Childhood Education Center, but above all, she has advocated for the vulnerable, and comforted anxious parents; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated individuals such as Sheron Gaspar serve an invaluable function in our society, giving voice to the needs of one of the most vulnerable populations in this society and ensuring that students with disabilities have full access to the best that New York State has to offer; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sheron Gaspar upon the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of distinguished service to children with disabilities and their families on August, 31, 2016, and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sheron Gaspar.