

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Richard Loeschner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 New York State High School Principal of the Year Award by the School Administrators Association of New York State

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 individuals 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 commend Richard Loeschner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 New York State High School Principal of the Year Award by the School Administrators Association of New York State; this auspicious occasion was celebrated on Friday, May 6, 2016, at an awards ceremony held at The Century House in Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, This award is given annually to a member of the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS) who has set the pace, character, and quality of education for the students in his or her school; nominees are administrators who are committed to students, parents, and the community and have shown exceptional contributions to the educational process; and

WHEREAS, Richard Loeschner has been a school administrator for 16 years, serving as Principal of Brentwood High School in Brentwood, New York, for the last seven years; he received both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Stony Brook University, and his professional diploma from Dowling College, Oakdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Under Richard Loeschner's guidance, the graduation rate at Brentwood High School has increased by 17 percent with about 85 percent of the graduating class attending two or four year colleges, and school suspensions have been reduced by 65 percent; he has been credited with leading the school out of significant challenges and turning the school culture around; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career at Brentwood High School, a unique school which has one of the largest English Language Learner populations in New York State, as well as a large population of Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE), Richard Loeschner has been able to reach families and students by setting up teams to meet with students monthly to monitor their progress and give them strategies to help them acclimate to their brand new environment; the school also hosts five Bilingual Parent Informational Nights throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, Richard Loeschner is a strong believer in a trustful, happy, and loving learning environment, and makes it a point to be visible all day, every day, greeting every student as they pass, and attending as many extra-curricular and special events as possible; his passion, ideas, and leadership style have had a major impact on Brentwood High School; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Richard Loeschner goes above and beyond the typical duties of an administrator by compassionately connecting with his students; he would give the shirt off his back if it meant providing a student with the opportunity to complete high school and further a

career, whether it be in college, the military, or the world of work; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Richard Loeschner 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, Richard Loeschner has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Brentwood 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 practice 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 commend Richard Loeschner upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 New York State High School Principal of the Year Award by the School Administrators Association of New York State; and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Loeschner.