

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMENDING Franca Conti upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated service to P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School in Brooklyn, New York

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 custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones 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 Franca Conti upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated service to P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School in Brooklyn, New York; this auspicious occasion was celebrated at a Retirement Party on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Franca Conti held the title of Principal of P.S. 217; under her luminous leadership, the school provided the highest quality education for every student, English Language Learner, special education and high achieving student, in a stimulating and challenging learning environment; and

WHEREAS, Franca Conti and her dedicated staff strived to develop all of their students into responsible and capable citizens; they also helped children from all cultural backgrounds become lifelong learners who will be productive, and respectable citizens in a changing global society; and

WHEREAS, Franca Conti's loyalty to P.S. 217 and to her staff was truly admirable; all who have had the privilege to work with her through the years have known her to be an honest and hard-working Principal who always made the needs and concerns of her students her top priority; and

WHEREAS, The driving force behind Franca Conti's commitment to public education was her belief that all children have the potential to do great things if given the opportunity; she prided herself on creating an educational environment where students come first and expectations are high; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Franca Conti upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of dedicated service to P.S. 217 Colonel David Marcus School, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Franca Conti.