

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMENDING Dr. Karen Siris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Childs Abuse Prevention Services on June 5, 2017

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Karen Siris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Childs Abuse Prevention Services, to be celebrated on Monday, June 5, 2017, at the Tam O'Shanter Club in Brookville, New York; and

WHEREAS, For over 35 years, Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) has been Long Island's leading organization dedicated to the prevention of bullying and child abuse; each year, this vital group honors an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to improving the lives of children; Dr. Karen Siris is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, The former principal of the W.S. Boardman Elementary School in Oceanside, New York, and a current Adjunct Professor of Educational Leadership at Adelphi University, Dr. Karen Siris is best known as the co-founder of School Leaders for Change, an organization committed to creating important professional development for innovative school leaders and teachers; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Dr. Karen Siris has been instrumental in bringing professional development to Long Island through the School Administrators Association of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Siris has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Dr. Karen Siris serves on the Executive Board of Directors for CAPS and has served on the New York State Safe Schools Task Force as well as the Dignity for All Students Act Task Force, which created the regulations for New York State's anti-bullying law; and

WHEREAS, A local, statewide, and national presenter on bullying prevention and intervention and an approved presenter for the state

certification workshop on the prevention of bullying and harassment, Dr. Karen Siris is also the co-author of **Stand Up!**, a bullying prevention children's book, and numerous published articles pertaining to positive school culture and bullying prevention; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Dr. Karen Siris has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Dr. Karen Siris has displayed throughout her life; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Karen Siris upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Childs Abuse Prevention Services on June 5, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Karen Siris.