

**BY:** Senator HANNON

**COMMENDING** Nassau BOCES upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on January 18, 2017

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are committed to enhancing the quality of education in the State of New York, and which enable our schools to offer excellent educational programs in the most efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Nassau BOCES upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, to be feted at a Dinner Dance on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at Woodbury Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Established in 1967, the Board of Cooperative Services of Nassau County (Nassau BOCES) is the largest BOCES in the State of New York, serving 56 school districts throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS,** For the last 50 years, Nassau BOCES has strived to enhance public education by ensuring a successful, challenging, caring and safe environment which enables students of all ages and abilities to achieve their maximum potential; and

**WHEREAS,** By partnering with Nassau County school districts, Nassau BOCES provides leadership and quality educational and support services which help students change their lives and shape their future through approximately 100 different programs which change constantly in respect to school district needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the direction of a nine-member Board of Directors, elected by members of the Boards of Education in its 56 component districts, Nassau BOCES is comprised of nearly three dozen locations, with sites ranging from large facilities such as the Joseph M. Barry Career & Technical Education Center in Westbury, New York, to a cluster of classrooms in a local school; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Nassau BOCES provides individualized instruction to over 1,800 students at 10 special education schools through the County; and

**WHEREAS,** The success of Nassau BOCES is in direct correlation to the efforts of its more than 2,500 full- and part-time staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our

attention, they should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Nassau BOCES upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Anniversary on January 18, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nassau BOCES.