BY: Senator MURPHY

HONORING Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished histories of its esteemed institutions; and

WHEREAS, Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on June 16, 2017; the school will be open for visitors to "Walk Through the Decades" through student projects, enjoy student performances, and view old yearbooks; and

WHEREAS, In 1941, Abram Broner purchased the former Chick's KGK Camp; the property became known as Copper Beech Camp or Copper Beech Vacationland due to the fact that it contained many Beech trees; and

WHEREAS, Upon his death, Abram Broner's daughters sold the property to the Lakeland Central School District; the District soon built Copper Beech Middle School on the site; and

WHEREAS, Copper Beech Middle School was first opened for the 1966-1967 school year; it served seventh and eighth grade students living in Shrub Oak, Yorktown, and a portion of Mohegan Lake; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1987, Lakeland Middle School and Copper Beech Middle School combined to form Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School serves 1,500 students in grades six through eight; and

WHEREAS, Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School has a long and distinguished history of exceptional academics and extracurricular activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School upon its 50th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert S. Bergmann, Principal, Marc Casey, Grade 6 Assistant Principal, Donna Bolner, Grade 7 Assistant Principal, and Frank Ruolo, Grade 8 Assistant Principal.