

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Jodie L. Yankanin upon the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to Orange-Ulster BOCES

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 congratulate Jodie L. Yankanin upon the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to Orange-Ulster BOCES; she will officially retire in January of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Orange-Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs give students the opportunity to graduate from high school with technical experience, professional skills, national industry certifications and college credit in a wide variety of high-demand occupations; and

WHEREAS, Through a hands-on academic component in each classroom, CTE students are able to integrate academics into their CTE curriculum to meet their high school graduation requirements; many of the career academies are nationally accredited and feature leading-edge technology, as well as instructors with the latest trade experience; and

WHEREAS, For 25 years, Jodie L. Yankanin has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Orange-Ulster BOCES; throughout her distinguished career, she has had a profound impact on the education of thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Jodie L. Yankanin earned her Master of Science degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, A registered nurse, Jodie L. Yankanin was employed at several hospitals in the region before beginning her illustrious career as a CTE Health Careers Academy Clinical Instructor with Orange-Ulster BOCES in 1992; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Jodie Yankanin served as a Special Education Principal, and Supervisor of shared staff, extracurricular student activities and enrichment programs for the component school districts; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Jodie L. Yankanin was promoted to the title of Director of Career and Technical Education Programs, as well as the Adult Practical Nurse Program; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Jodie L. Yankanin was instrumental in implementing numerous successful initiatives and ground-breaking programs which have flourished under her leadership; she is well-respected by her colleagues for her vision, intelligence and integrity which have been the hallmark of her notable tenure as an educator; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed woman 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, When Jodie L. Yankanin is not working, she enjoys volunteering for various community organizations throughout Orange and Ulster counties; and

WHEREAS, As a driving force for career and technical education throughout the Hudson Valley and across the State of New York; Jodie L. Yankanin has proudly served as a dynamic, compelling and respected role model for others by virtue of both her professional and personal commitment to making the world a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 congratulate Jodie Yankanin upon the occasion of her retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to Orange-Ulster BOCES; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jodie L. Yankanin.