

**BY:** Senator HELMING

**CONGRATULATING** Dr. Robert Ike upon the occasion of being named the 2018 New York State School Superintendent of the Year by the State Council of School Superintendents

**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 sense 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 Dr. Robert Ike upon the occasion of being named the 2018 New York State School Superintendent of the Year by the State Council of School Superintendents; and

**WHEREAS,** The Superintendent of the Year Award was established in 1988, by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and is co-sponsored by the First Student and the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC); and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Robert Ike is the first Wayne County Superintendent to earn this esteemed honor in the award's 30-year-history; and

**WHEREAS,** As a knowledgeable and highly skilled Superintendent, Dr. Robert Ike has improved the quality of education in the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District by leading and supporting staff with enthusiasm, cultivating a positive and stimulating school environment for his students, and creating a greater sense of community; and

**WHEREAS,** A Finger Lakes native, Dr. Robert Ike graduated from South Seneca High School in Ovid, New York; he continued his studies and went on to earn an Executive Doctorate in Educational Administration from Seton Hall University; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Robert Ike began his distinguished career in education as a teacher in the Romulus Central School District; he was previously Superintendent in the Belleville Henderson Central School District and Principal of Newfield Middle School; and

**WHEREAS,** A truly phenomenal leader, Dr. Robert Ike has served as Superintendent of the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District since August of 2007; under his able leadership, the Palmyra-Macedon High School graduation rate has risen from 82% to as high as 93%; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, the graduation rate for economically disadvantaged students has grown from 61% in 2011, to 81% in recent years; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his role as Superintendent, Dr. Robert Ike currently serves as an adjunct professor and leadership coach with the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester, and serves on the faculty of the Superintendent Development Program at the State University of New York College at Oswego; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Robert Ike has been the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2017 Genesee Valley ASCD Award for outstanding work in school supervision, the 2006 Outstanding Leadership Award from the Belleville Henderson FFA, and the 2004 Middle School Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State and National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

**WHEREAS,** Elected by his colleagues to represent the superintendents of the state on the Executive Committee of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, Dr. Robert Ike has also served as co-chair and co-author of one of the most significant leadership studies in the nation, "Snapshot of the Superintendency"; and

**WHEREAS,** A caring, competent and committed leader, Dr. Robert Ike's character and integrity are the hallmarks of his life and work as a school district leader, a community volunteer and as a person; and

**WHEREAS,** The Wayne County community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and respected educational leader; his wisdom and contributions reach into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to work with him; and

**WHEREAS,** A significant contributor to education in New York State, Dr. Robert Ike continually demonstrates an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered in the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Robert Ike upon the occasion of being named the 2018 New York State School Superintendent of the Year by the State Council of School Superintendents; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Robert Ike.