

BY: Senator STAVISKY

CONGRATULATING P.S. 242, the Leonard P. Stavisky Early Childhood School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and pay tribute to those institutions that by achieving outstanding success in their educational programs have inspired and brought pride to our community and State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate P.S. 242, the Leonard P. Stavisky Early Childhood School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, For the past 16 years, P.S. 242, the Leonard P. Stavisky Early Childhood School, has provided a nurturing environment in which every child can succeed and where staff, parents students and the community all work together to promote a positive educational experience for all children; and

WHEREAS, Seeking to have the students develop a love of learning, P. S. 242 encourages extensive parent involvement because studies have shown that the key to a child's success, improved learning, better social skills and attendance rely on their active participation; and

WHEREAS, Teaching its student body from pre-K to third grade, the standards-based instruction is augmented by activities such as family fun nights, concerts, field trips, student of the month, book fairs, and math and literacy enrichment activities; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2016, P.S. 242 was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Secretary of Education, one of only 279 public schools in the entire country to receive this distinction; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Flag gracing a school building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning and serves as a model for schools still striving for excellence; and

WHEREAS, The school was named in honor of Dr. Leonard P. Stavisky, a college professor who represented Flushing in the New York State legislature for nearly 35 years; he was a staunch advocate for excellence in New York's schools; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award stands as a resolute testimony to P.S. 242, the Leonard P. Stavisky Early Childhood School's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate P.S. 242, the Leonard P. Stavisky Early Childhood School, upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia Costa, Principal of P.S. 242, the Leonard P. Stavisky Early Childhood School; former Principal Vivian DeAnnuntis; and the Parents' Association.