

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**HONORING** Meghan Rilley upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished National Board Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

**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 achievements in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and accomplishments 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 honor Meghan Rilley upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished National Board Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

**WHEREAS,** Meghan Rilley was one of 21 teachers statewide who earned National Board Certification in 2016, along with an additional 30 educators who successfully recertified; currently, there are 1,790 teachers who have achieved this outstanding honor in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Meghan Rilley is a Social Studies/History Teacher at Valley Central High School in Montgomery, New York; her students range in age from adolescents through young adults; and

**WHEREAS,** National Board Certification is awarded to teachers who voluntarily have their teaching methods evaluated through a rigorous series of performance-based assessments, including teaching portfolios, student work examples, and student learning; and

**WHEREAS,** Educators like Meghan Rilley provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring success in their future years; and

**WHEREAS,** Meghan Rilley has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Valley Central School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to her students; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals such as Meghan Rilley who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Meghan Rilley upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished National Board Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Meghan Rilley.