

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 100th Annual Convention and Education Expo of the New York State School Boards Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations which are committed to enhancing the quality of education in the State of New York, and which enable our schools to offer excellent educational programs in the most efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Annual Convention and Education Expo of the New York State School Boards Association to be held October 24-26, 2019, at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, The New York State School Boards Association's (NYSSBA) Annual Convention and Education Expo is the largest statewide event which brings together more than 2,000 education leaders who discuss the needs, interests and issues of concern to school board members across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Staying true to its mission, NYSSBA strives to provide leadership to school boards through advocacy, information and programs; this vital organization serves more than 680 local school boards and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES), which represent more than 5,200 members; and

WHEREAS, In general, school board members are the educational leaders in their communities; these elected local officials and, with few exceptions, volunteers, determine the policies which govern the operation of their local public school systems; collectively, they guide a statewide school system which expends over \$73 billion, employs nearly 520,000 people and serves more than 2.5 million children; and

WHEREAS, NYSSBA provides information, training and advice on matters affecting school boards, and collaborates with other educational and related organizations to promote excellence in education for public school students; and

WHEREAS, NYSSBA was founded in 1896, in Utica, New York, as the New York State Association for School Boards; in 1920, the name changed to the State Association of School Boards and Trustees of New York State, and by 1929, it became the Associated School Boards and Trustees of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1932, the organization merged with the New York State Association of Central Rural School District Boards to form the New York State School Boards Association, which was then incorporated in 1935; 10 years later, the expenditure of public funds payable as dues to the

Association was given a legal foundation in Education Law by the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to salute NYSSBA for its long history of purposeful endeavor which has greatly benefited the communities of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Annual Convention and Education Expo of the New York State School Boards Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the New York State School Boards Association.