

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Helen Tomkinson upon the occasion of her retirement after 53 years of distinguished service to the Grand Island Central School District

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend outstanding individuals whose enduring commitment and dedication significantly enhance the quality of education in their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Helen Tomkinson upon the occasion of her retirement after 53 years of distinguished service to the Grand Island Central School District, celebrated during the Correspondence, Recognition and Good News portion of the Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 4, 1930, Helen Tomkinson was hired by the Grand Island Central School District on November 29, 1966, spending her entire illustrious career as a cafeteria monitor at Sideway Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, For more than a half century, Helen Tomkinson rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Sideway Elementary School, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Helen Tomkinson served with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of her position; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Island community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a caring, nurturing and supportive cafeteria monitor; her steadfast commitment to making each and every student feel comfortable at lunchtime, truly made a difference in the lives of the countless students she interacted with throughout her tenure, which spanned more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Helen Tomkinson has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Helen Tomkinson upon the occasion of her retirement after 53 years of distinguished service to the Grand Island Central School

District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Helen Tomkinson.