

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMENDING the Friends of White Plains Public Schools upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary on April 24, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Friends of White Plains Public Schools upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary at a Gala on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will also pay tribute to long-time member of the Friends of White Plains Public Schools Board of Directors, Michele Schoenfeld, for her four decades of service as clerk of the White Plains Board of Education and as a life-long volunteer leader in its schools, the City of White Plains and the White Plains Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Proceeds from the 25th Anniversary Gala will support innovative academic and cultural enrichment programs in the current school year and beyond, special programs made even more important due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of White Plains Public Schools is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers who have raised and donated significant funds to support over 190 academic and cultural enrichment programs that have benefited thousands of students in all White Plains Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The success of the White Plains Public Schools is in direct correlation to the efforts of its co-Presidents Lydia Kris and Larry Geiger, its Board of Directors and volunteers whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Friends of White Plains Public Schools upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary on April 24, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Michele Schoenfeld and Lydia Kris and Larry Geiger,
co-Presidents, Friends of White Plains Public Schools.