

BY: Senator MANNION

HONORING Jaime Alicea upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Syracuse City School District

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jaime Alicea upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of distinguished service to the Syracuse City School District; and

WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Jaime Alicea rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Syracuse City School District, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Superintendent, Jaime Alicea served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, Jaime Alicea joined the Syracuse City School District in 1983 as a teaching assistant; he went on to become a teacher, then was Vice-Principal, Principal, Area Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent for Supervision and Instruction, and Chief Operations Officer, before taking on his final role as Superintendent, the esteemed position from which he will officially retire; and

WHEREAS, In his role as Area Superintendent, Jaime Alicea notably established a Principals' Advisory Committee, a parent advisory group, a Pre-K-12 articulation, monthly staff development for administrators, and more; and

WHEREAS, Committed to making a lasting impact, Jaime Alicea, in his role as Chief Operations Officer, successfully led the implementation of the Peer Assistance and Review program, facilitated a districtwide Behavior Committee and Attendance Committee, established a Minority Recruitment Committee, participated in the negotiations of ten collective bargaining agreements and revised numerous Board policies; and

WHEREAS, Truly caring about his community, Jaime Alicea previously served on several local boards and committees, including the Onondaga County Public Library Strategic Planning Committee, Youth Leadership Greater Syracuse Founding Committee, New York State Education Department Assessment Committee, and the New York State Reimagine Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Currently, he serves on the Gifford Foundation Board of

Directors, Blueprint 15, the Syracuse Surge Strategy, Onondaga County Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence Steering Committee, and the Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Through his many years of dedicated service, Jaime Alicea has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including being recognized as the Latino Educator of the Year by ANCLA, the Latino Educator by Nosotros Radio and has received the NAACP Community Service Award, and the YWCA Academy of Diversity Achievers Award; he was recently recognized by Syracuse University with the Chancellor's Citation for Public Education as an advocate and leader; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jaime Alicea upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 39 years of distinguished service to the Syracuse City School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jaime Alicea.