

BY: Senator MANNION

CONGRATULATING Paul Gasparini upon the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service as Principal of Jamesville-DeWitt High School

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Paul Gasparini upon the occasion of his retirement after 21 years of dedicated service as Principal of Jamesville-DeWitt High School; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gasparini began his illustrious career as Principal of Jamesville-DeWitt High School in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Paul Gasparini, Jamesville-DeWitt High School has consistently been ranked among the top five percent of secondary schools nationally; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, as Principal, he increased student leaderships programs, expanded the use of technology, and implemented strategies to build school culture and instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, At the state level, Paul Gasparini served on key task forces and advisory groups for the New York State Education Department and the School Administrators Association of New York State; he was an invaluable member of the SAANYS Government Relations Committee, provided testimony to the Senate Education Committee and served on many NYSED task forces regarding regent exams, teacher effectiveness and principal effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, Paul Gasparini served on the National Assessment Governing Board as the Secondary Principal Representative for four years, providing guidance on assessment development and data reporting; and

WHEREAS, A truly distinguished educator, Paul Gasparini was named High School Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS) in recognition of his excellence and leadership at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as Principal, this extraordinary man served as an Instructor in the Graduate Schools of Education at both SUNY Cortland and LeMoyne College; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the field of education, Paul Gasparini also served as a Seminar Leader at Harvard Graduate School Institute of Writing, Reading, and Civic Education; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as an educator, which traversed nearly four decades, Paul Gasparini served as a Social Studies Teacher at East Syracuse Minoa Central High School, Battle Ground Academy, and Skaneateles High School; he also served Tully Junior-Senior High School and as Assistant Principal at Liverpool High School; and

WHEREAS, The DeWitt community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a dedicated and respected educational leader; his wisdom and contributions reached into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Paul Gasparini has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as Principal, Paul Gasparini leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the students of Jamesville-DeWitt High School and to the residents of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Paul Gasparini upon the occasion of his retirement, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Gasparini.