

BY: Senator RATH

CONGRATULATING Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey M. Hicks began his long career in education as a social studies teacher and taught 12 years at the middle and high school levels in both the Belfast and Wellsville Central School Districts; he was also the Technology Coordinator at Wellsville for four years, as well as Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services for one year; and

WHEREAS, For the next eight years, Geoffrey M. Hicks was a Middle School Principal, first at Wellsville and then Sweet Home Central Schools before becoming Superintendent at Sweet Home, a position he held for nine years; and

WHEREAS, This well-respected educator and administrator then served as the Superintendent at Arlington Central Schools in Poughkeepsie, New York, for one year before returning to Western New York to become the Superintendent at Clarence Central Schools, the title from which he will officially retire in 2021, after 10 years of superlative leadership; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife of 33-years, the late Patricia Hicks, with him throughout have been their two children, Joshua and Megan, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Geoffrey Hicks has demonstrated a true passion for making a difference in the lives of children, inspiring them to expand their horizons, be successful in the classroom, and reach new heights in their future careers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Geoffrey Hicks has proven himself to be a dedicated educator and administrator who cares deeply for his students, faculty, staff and families who are part of the "Red Devils" family; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the

efforts of those individuals who have worked to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D. upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as an educator, 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 Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.