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CONGRATULATING Carol A. Pilla upon the occasion of her retirement after 56 years of dedicated service to the Clarkstown Central School District

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Carol A. Pilla upon the occasion of her retirement after 56 years of dedicated service to the Clarkstown Central School District; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Carol A. Pilla began her illustrious career in education; she was a teacher for 27 years at Bardonia Elementary School within the Clarkstown Central School District; in 1992, she became the Principal at Clarkstown's Laurel Plains Elementary School, the esteemed position from which she will retire in June of 2021, after 25 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Carol A. Pilla served the Laurel Plains community for almost three decades; during that time, she was a fervent advocate for all students ensuring maximum opportunities for students with special needs, always believing all children can learn; and

WHEREAS, As Principal, Carol A. Pilla encouraged everyone to be "The Best You Can Be", a phrase later adopted as the school motto; and

WHEREAS, Under her strong leadership, Laurel Plains Elementary School became a nationally ranked building, earning accolades and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Carol A. Pilla also served as President of the Clarkstown Administrators Association for 25 years, sharing her knowledge and expertise with her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished educator has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Laurel Plains Elementary School for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of Laurel Plains Elementary School is due in large to the efforts of Carol A. Pilla; and

WHEREAS, The impact Carol A. Pilla has had on this community including parents, staff, and students simply cannot be measured; her legacy will continue for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Carol A. Pilla upon the occasion of her retirement after 56 years of dedicated service to the Clarkstown Central School District, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carol A. Pilla.