

BY: Senator PALUMBO

CONGRATULATING Amagansett School upon the occasion
of being named a National Blue Ribbon School

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Amagansett School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, Designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education is indicative of high level school standards set in pursuant of excellence; now in its 40th year, the program has bestowed approximately 10,000 awards to more than 9,700 schools both public and private; and

WHEREAS, Located at 325 Main Street in Amagansett, New York, Amagansett School was among 22 schools statewide named with this most prestigious honor, and 353 across the country; this vital institution is a one-building district that enrolls approximately 125 students in grades pre-K to sixth on Long Island's East End; and

WHEREAS, True to its mission to pursue excellence in education for every scholar, Amagansett School provides all students with a quality education through a shared partnership among staff, parents, and students; and

WHEREAS, By empowering every pupil to become lifelong learners and engaged citizens, Amagansett School and its faculty are creating leaders of tomorrow, and their example is a powerful inspiration to other educators; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of its Superintendent, Seth Turner, Amagansett School embodies a palpable, warm, and supportive learning environment; its commitment to a focus on learning and tradition of excellence is continuous; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, these relationships foster its mission to establish a culture for learning, ensure high expectations are embedded in all work habits, and engage all teachers in inquiry-based professional collaborations that strengthen instructional capacity per grade level; and

WHEREAS, The students' families at Amagansett School share this strong belief in education that hard work and perseverance, coupled with a positive outlook and teacher support, is the best recipe for their

child's success in school, both academically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, As a National Blue Ribbon School, Amagansett School has been judged to be particularly effective in meeting local, State and national educational goals; it has also displayed the qualities of excellence necessary to prepare young people for challenges of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School recognition is significant in that it not only recognizes schools for their efforts to foster premier learning environments, but also demonstrates that increasing access to high-quality opportunities paves the way for improved learning; and

WHEREAS, Amagansett School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion, and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award stands as a resolute testimony to Amagansett's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Amagansett School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Superintendent Seth Turner, Amagansett School.