

Assembly Resolution No. 2181

BY: M. of A. Hawley

CONGRATULATING Dr. Clark J. Godshall, Senior District Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the Orleans/Niagara BOCES, upon the occasion of his retirement after 53 years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 congratulate Dr. Clark J. Godshall, Senior District Superintendent of the Orleans/Niagara BOCES, upon the occasion of his retirement, after 53 years of distinguished service, on Sunday, June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark J. Godshall, of Barker, New York, obtained a bachelor's degree from St. John Fisher College, a master's and a doctoral degree from the University of Rochester, and a certificate in labor relations from the Cornell University Industrial Labor Relations School; and

WHEREAS, A former high school science teacher, instructing biology, chemistry, and earth science in the Hilton Central School District, Dr. Clark J. Godshall started his career in administration as Assistant Superintendent for the Penn Yan Central School District in Central New York State; he has served as Adjunct Professor for the educational administration program at State University of New York (SUNY) Brockport and Clinical Professor of Doctoral Candidates at the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Of the 53 years as an educator, Dr. Clark J. Godshall has served as a school administrator for 43 years; for the past 24 of those years, he was responsible for the educational services for more than 30,000 students at the Orleans/Niagara BOCES, the 13th largest of 37 statewide; he has also acted as an interim District Superintendent for five other BOCES programs; and

WHEREAS, Ascending to leadership positions, Dr. Clark J. Godshall has been an active member of numerous professional associations at the local, state, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, A six-time recipient of the American School and University Management Effectiveness Award, Dr. Clark J. Godshall has claimed several additional honors, including the New York State ASBO Outstanding Service Award, Niagara University Administrator of the Year Award, and the 2014 New York State School Superintendent of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, As a role model for school leaders across the State and Nation, Dr. Clark J. Godshall is the only school administrator to serve

as President of the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS), the New York State Association of School Business Officials (NYSASBO), and the International Association of School Business Officials (IASBO); and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Dr. Clark J. Godshall's service to the community, school districts, educators, and students of New York State, in pursuit of higher levels of achievement and successful students, is exemplified in his extensive leadership in education; he is a frequent author and presenter on educational management and governance topics; and

WHEREAS, In his personal life, Dr. Clark J. Godshall serves as Commodore with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadron for which he has been recognized for his humanitarian efforts while holding various leadership positions; he volunteers his time to support active duty military personnel across the country; he is also a qualified sea captain and a third-generation Kentucky Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clark J. Godshall has numerous hobbies, including his award-winning restoration of antique cars, collecting, and treasure hunting; he is an avid advocate for the arts, including local theatrical productions; and

WHEREAS, With Dr. Clark J. Godshall throughout has been his wife, Dr. Barbara Godshall, who is proud to share in his countless accomplishments and endeavors while serving his community; 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; and

WHEREAS, Rare, indeed, is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength and commitment as that demonstrated by Dr. Clark J. Godshall over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Clark J. Godshall, Senior District Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the Orleans/Niagara BOCES, upon the occasion of his retirement after 53 years of distinguished service, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Clark J. Godshall.