

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Harriet Copel upon the occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District

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 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Harriet Copel upon the occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District, to be celebrated on Friday, June 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Copel became Superintendent of Shoreham-Wading River Central School District in 2005; prior to her position as Superintendent, she had been both Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations and Executive Director of Professional Development at Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, a Principal at Mattlin Middle School and an Assistant Principal at Lawrence Middle School; and

WHEREAS, In her position as Superintendent of Shoreham-Wading River Central School District Harriet Copel has made many contributions to her district, including increasing overall student achievement by raising standards and expectations for students and staff, and establishing district-wide integration of technology for instructional and administrative programs; and

WHEREAS, Educators like Harriet Copel provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, A 2010 Woman of the Year in Education, Harriet Copel has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for 37 years of impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work 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 honor Harriet Copel upon the occasion of her retirement as Superintendent of the the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harriet Copel.