

BY: Senator BOYLE

COMMENDING Susan A. Schnebel upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of dedicated service as an educator on June 14, 2018

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Susan A. Schnebel upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of dedicated service as an educator, to be celebrated at a party held in her honor on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at The Piermont in Babylon, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished 33 year career in education, Susan A. Schnebel has been a classroom teacher, building administrator, and district administrator; for the last 25 years, she has served the young people of Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, Now in her 10th and final year as Superintendent of Schools in the Islip Union Free School District, Susan A. Schnebel has been instrumental in helping it maintain a high level of classroom instruction, culminating in a 98% graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, Islip's secondary students have access to career academies and can earn college credit from five universities/colleges; in addition, Islip students have earned regional, state, and national recognition in STEAM activities; and

WHEREAS, Under Susan A. Schnebel's luminous leadership, the community approved a \$3.6 million ExCEL Capital Project, with a focus on instructional and security technology, as well as building repairs; this was taken even further in 2012, with the community approving the Investing in Islip Capital Project which provided funding for much needed repairs and maintenance to the district's aging facilities, with a focus on health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Through partnerships with local legislators, grant funding has been used to support Islip's Business Academy, television studio, technological devices, and programs for drug-free schools; Susan A. Schnebel, together with the IDEA Coalition Task Force, partnered with Suffolk County Police Department and the Suffolk County Legislator, resulting in the passage of the Social Host Law, establishment of the

Cancel the Keg hotline, and provided the community with cyber-safety and drug prevention workshops; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Schnebel has spent much of her tenure advocating for improvements to public education through her service as a past President and an Executive Board member of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association and SCOPE Education Services; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Schnebel has also been an active member of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, serving on the group's policy-making body for a number of years, as well as the Suffolk County Heroin and Opioid Advisory Panel and the Suffolk County School Traffic Zone Safety Commission; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Susan A. Schnebel is a vital participant on the Board of Section XI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Susan A. Schnebel has been dedicated to the children in her community; all who have had the privilege to work with her through the years have known her to be an honest and hard-working Teacher, Building Administrator and District Administrator who always made the needs and concerns of her students her top priority; and

WHEREAS, The driving force behind Susan A. Schnebel's commitment to public education is her belief that all children have the potential to do great things if given the opportunity; she prides herself on creating an educational environment where students come first and expectations are high; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Susan A. Schnebel upon the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of dedicated service as an educator on June 14, 2018, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Susan A. Schnebel.