

Senate Resolution No. 5814

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

COMMENDING Elwyn Roll upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of distinguished service to the Pioneer Central School District of Yorkshire, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those dedicated professionals, who strive to enhance the quality of education for our students, and whose character, accomplishments and community contributions inspire all citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Elwyn Roll upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of distinguished service to the Pioneer Central School District; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from SUNY Potsdam with a degree in music, Elwyn Roll travelled the country, working various theater jobs; he then returned to his hometown of Arcade, New York, where he met and married the former Debbie Lynn Miller in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Together, Elwyn and his wife raised two children, Megan and the late Matthew; today, they are the loving grandparents of two grandsons, Lleyton and Landry; and

WHEREAS, Elwyn Roll began his long and distinguished career as a temporary music teacher in the Pioneer Central School District; in 1986, he was hired as a full-time kindergarten teacher at Arcade Elementary, and two years later, he assumed the title of Chair of the kindergarten grade level; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Elwyn Roll became the music teacher for Arcade Elementary, and then transferred to Pioneer Senior High School where he served as the choral director, and one of the school's music teachers, the position from which he will officially retire in June of 2018; and

WHEREAS, From 2003-2018, Elwyn Roll directed the annual Senior Play productions, and was the faculty advisor for the Theater Club; he also oversaw the recent additions and renovation of Pioneer Senior High School's music suite, as well as the installation and yearly celebration of the Pioneer Music Wall of Fame Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, With all of his accomplishments, Elwyn Roll is most proud of his role as director of the high school's musicals, a title he proudly held for 20 years; under his luminous direction, the musicals brought the school's community together in a grand and unifying way; and

WHEREAS, After nearly four decades of service as a beloved educator,

Elwyn Roll will be remembered for his love of music, which he shared so freely with any student, no matter their background or ability; he truly touched the lives of countless students and community members; and

WHEREAS, In his much deserved retirement, Elwyn Roll is looking forward to spending more time with his wife and his grandchildren, and watching all the seeds he has planted over the years continue to blossom; and

WHEREAS, The Yorkshire community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a dedicated and respected educator; his wisdom and contributions reached into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Elwyn Roll has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at the Pioneer Central School District for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as a teacher, Elwyn Roll leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the students of the Pioneer Central School District and to the residents of the Yorkshire community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Elwyn Roll upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of distinguished service to the Pioneer Central School District of Yorkshire, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elwyn Roll.