Senate Resolution No. 2201

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMEMORATING the Centennial Anniversary of Lake Avenue Elementary School in Saratoga Springs, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth 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 commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Lake Avenue Elementary School in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lake Avenue Elementary School, established in 1924, has remained unwavering in its commitment to educating young children garnering a Blue-Ribbon School Designation on three different occasions; and

WHEREAS, Located at 126 Lake Avenue in Saratoga Springs and built in 1923, the school serves 395 students in grades K-5, emphasizing a warm welcome and sense of belonging in supporting each student's personal pathway for learning; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, multiple generations of families have come to Lake Avenue Elementary School to embark on their educational journeys; and

WHEREAS, Lake Avenue School boasts a Building Leadership Team made up of parents, guardians and elementary school staff who meet throughout the year to collaboratively discuss topics that are important to the school; and

WHEREAS, Lake Avenue School is the only school in its respective district to provide an Annual Outdoor Education Program in which all 5th graders stay two nights and three days, taking special outdoor classes at campgrounds in the Adirondacks, a Drama Club in which children in 3rd-5th grade can learn to performance arts and stage crew skills, and a STEM Science Lab for all grades; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate their many years of academic excellence, the school will hold a Centennial Celebration for both current Lake Avenue students, families and alumni on Saturday, May 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of its Principal, Elizabeth Carroll and District Superintendent Michael Patton, Lake Avenue Elementary School has been steadfast in the District's mission to empower all learners in an engaging, collaborative environment to discover their personal pathways to the future; and

WHEREAS, The school's curriculum includes a Community Garden and Food Lab for all grades offering a unique, multi-sensory, inquiry-based

educational opportunity which promotes a "locally grown" concept to food production; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, Lake Avenue Elementary School may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth and hold true of purpose in its commitment to serving the educational needs of the citizens of Saratoga County and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Lake Avenue Elementary School in Saratoga Springs, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment, and the significance of its accomplishments in preparing the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lake Avenue Elementary School Principal Elizabeth Carroll, Saratoga Springs City School District Superintendent Michael Patton, and School Board Members.