Senate Resolution No. 1014

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Hank Grishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Jericho School District

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Hank Grishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the Jericho School District; and

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, Hank Grishman rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Jericho School District; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as superintendent, Hank Grishman served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Hank Grishman began his career in education as an elementary and middle school mathematics teacher before working his way up to proudly serving as the superintendent of multiple New York school districts; and

WHEREAS, Hank Grishman's first administrative position was as an elementary school principal in Yonkers, New York, where he grew up; and

WHEREAS, Following this role, Hank Grishman served as the superintendent of four school districts before assuming his post at the Jericho School District in 1995; and

WHEREAS, With a distinguished career spanning 47 cumulative years, Hank Grishman has proudly served as a superintendent of schools across multiple New York districts; and

WHEREAS, During Hank Grishman's productive tenure, the students and staff of the Jericho School District have earned numerous national accolades, including National Merit Scholarships, Siemens and INTEL Science Competition awards, as well as various other distinctions of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Under his steady leadership, Hank Grishman has ensured that the Jericho School District has been consistently ranked as one of the top open enrollment public schools in the United States across multiple trusted polls and evaluations; and

WHEREAS, Always devoted to the success of Jericho students and staff, Hank Grishman oversaw the expansion of academic course offerings, the increase of co-curricular and athletic programs, and the extension of both the school day and the academic year to better serve the needs

of all students; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Hank Grishman successfully guided the district through capital improvements and building expansions totaling nearly $100 million, enhancing the educational environment for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Jericho School District, under Hank Grishman's leadership, became one of the first districts in New York State to formally recognize and celebrate Lunar New Year, Diwali, and Eid, promoting diversity, inclusivity, and cultural awareness within the school community; and

WHEREAS, For his positive impact and admired leadership, Hank Grishman was awarded the 2021 New York State School Superintendent of the Year; he is also the recipient of the Outstanding Superintendent of the Year Award from the New York State Association of School Business Officials; Nassau BOCES Partners in Education Award; Educator of the Year distinction from the Korean Parents Association of Long Island; is a NYSPHSAA, Section VIII Hall of Fame inductee; Distinguished Service recognition from the NYS Athletic Administrators Association; Distinguished Service recognition from the Council of Administrators; Jericho Athletic Association's Community Service Award; the National School Development Council's Cooperative Leadership Award; and the Friend of Education distinction from NYSUT; and

WHEREAS, Committed to service, Hank Grishman is the past president and past member of the Executive Committee of the NYS Council of School Superintendents; chair of the NYSCOSS Distinguished Service Committee; past president and officer of the Executive Committee for the Leadership for Educational Achievement Foundation, Inc.; past president and current member of the Executive Committee of SCOPE; member of the NYS Public High School Athletic Association Central Committee; chair of NYSPHSAA Section VIII Superintendent's Board; past member of the American Association of School Administrators Governing Board; and past president and current member of the Executive Committee of the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his beloved wife and fellow educator, Jill; their two admired sons; and five cherished grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his fruitful life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Hank Grishman was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Jericho School District, Hank Grishman earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hank Grishman upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Hank Grishman.