

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Eileen Oliver upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at St. Aidan School's 75th Anniversary Gala

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eileen Oliver upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at St. Aidan School's 75th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Heritage Club at Bethpage State Park; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Oliver began teaching at St. Aidan School in Williston Park, New York, in 1978, teaching various subjects in grades 5 through 8 until 1995 when she was named principal of both the Upper and Lower Schools; and

WHEREAS, Always an involved leader, Eileen Oliver moderated many clubs and activities, including directing the school's annual musical productions; and

WHEREAS, An impactful principal of St. Aidan School, Eileen Oliver instituted full day preschool and after school programs, extended foreign language curriculum, assisted in the design of the Library Media Center in the Upper School which included new technology and video conferencing equipment, and implemented a one-to-one iPad program for all students in grades five through eight during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the deep value of fostering community relationships, Eileen Oliver worked closely with the administration of The Solomon Schechter School in coordinating joint activities during the school year; she also proudly developed close relationships with all parish organizations, particularly The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, The Rosary Altar Society, The Holy Name Society, and The Rotary Club of the Willistons; and

WHEREAS, For her unwavering dedication and passion for serving the students, parents, and community of the St. Aidan School, Eileen Oliver has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; she has received The Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for outstanding service to Catholic Education from St. Aidan Parish, The Seton Service Award from The Sisters of Charity of Halifax, and The Community Service Award from The American Legion Williston Post 144; and

WHEREAS, Looking back fondly on her fulfilling years of serving St. Aidan School, Eileen Oliver is most proud of realizing a community where

all felt welcomed and loved; she also took great pleasure in welcoming graduates who spoke of how they loved their years at St. Aidan School, and welcomed with joy second and third generation St. Aidan students; and

WHEREAS, Within every community, there are inevitably some individuals who, by virtue of their energy, vision, and dedication, command the greatest respect among their peers, colleagues, and community at large; Eileen Oliver is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by both peers and young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Eileen Oliver upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition at St. Aidan School's 75th Anniversary Gala; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen Oliver.