Senate Resolution No. 337

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING the Wheatley School upon the occasion of earning the Seal of Biliteracy Super Veteran badge from the New York State Education Department Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Wheatley School upon the occasion of earning the Seal of Biliteracy Super Veteran badge from the New York State Education Department Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages; and

WHEREAS, The Seal of Biliteracy Super Veteran badge, awarded by the New York State Education Department Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages, recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional proficiency in more than one language; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious honor highlights the dedication and skill of those who have not only achieved a high level of bilingualism but have consistently excelled in using their language abilities throughout their educational journey; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Super Veteran badge celebrates their ongoing commitment to language learning and cultural enrichment, marking them as role models in the bilingual community; and

WHEREAS, The Wheatley School is proud to be recognized as one of only two districts in the State of New York to earn the Seal of Biliteracy Super Veteran badge from the New York State Education Department Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages; this extraordinary school has offered students the opportunity to earn the prestigious New York State Seal of Biliteracy for more than ten years; and

WHEREAS, Located in Old Westbury, New York, the Wheatley School is a highly regarded public high school known for its academic excellence and commitment to fostering a well-rounded education; part of the East Williston Union Free School District, Wheatley offers a rigorous curriculum that prepares students for success in both higher education and beyond; and

WHEREAS, With a strong emphasis on academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and community engagement, The Wheatley School has earned a reputation for nurturing students who are not only

intellectually curious but also compassionate, responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Wheatley School has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Seal of Biliteracy stands as a resolute testimony to the Wheatley School's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Wheatley School upon the occasion of earning the Seal of Biliteracy Super Veteran badge from the New York State Education Department Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Wheatley School, Old Westbury, New York.