

Assembly Resolution No. 1336

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HONORING the Lexington School for the Deaf upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Annual Basketball Classic on May 12, 2026

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 accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of deaf youth in 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 honor the Lexington School for the Deaf upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Annual Basketball Classic to be held at the Kipp Tech Valley Charter School Gymnasium on Tuesday, May 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, This annual contest will feature the Lexington School for the Deaf versus the Assembly and Senate All-Stars; and

WHEREAS, The Lexington School for the Deaf was founded in 1864 when the first class of six children and an instructor was convened at the home of Isaac and Hannah Rosenfeld; and

WHEREAS, Due to constantly increasing enrollment, the school moved several times until it settled in 1882, at 904 Lexington Avenue with 161 students; in 1934, it officially became the Lexington School for the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, The Lexington School for the Deaf continued to grow and in 1968, its new home was inaugurated on a six-acre site at 30th Avenue and 75th Street in Jackson Heights, Queens; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Lexington School for the Deaf, with a student body of over 250 children, from infants through high school seniors, is the largest school for the deaf in New York State, and its student body resides throughout the five boroughs of New York City and adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, A charter member of the 4201 Association, New York State-supported private schools for disabled children, the Lexington School for the Deaf houses the only high school in New York City under the auspices of the 4201 charter; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its strong academic program, the Lexington School for the Deaf offers a broad range of physical and cultural education programs, including highly regarded basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Joseph Crowley, a former member of the New York State Assembly representing the Lexington School for the Deaf, established the Lexington School versus the New York State Legislature

Basketball Game; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to extend its highest commendation to all the individuals who have been involved with the Lexington School for the Deaf, past and present, noting the importance of their work and their enduring commitment to deaf children; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Lexington School for the Deaf upon the occasion of hosting its 29th Annual Basketball Classic; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to Seth Bravin, Interim CEO/Superintendent; Jane Moran, Cindy S. Casson, Director, Community Relations; Nicolas Tegni, Athletic Director; Joshua Williams and John Sala, Varsity Boys Basketball Coaches; and Raven Pentz and Carlee James, Varsity Girls Basketball Coaches.