

Assembly Resolution No. 1390

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**HONORING** Jean E. Pexton upon the occasion of her retirement after more than four decades of dedicated service in education, military service, and community leadership

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to their community, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jean E. Pexton upon the occasion of her retirement after more than four decades of dedicated service in education, military service, and community leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** Jean E. Pexton has distinguished herself through an unwavering commitment to the education, well-being, and success of countless students, as well as through her service to the United States Armed Forces and numerous civic organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** Jean E. Pexton proudly served her country in the United States Navy from January 1981 through June 1990 as a Hospital Corpsman and Hospital Corpsman Instructor, serving in a role equivalent to that of a Licensed Practical Nurse; and

**WHEREAS,** During her military career, she undertook numerous leadership responsibilities, including serving as a Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor, Master Training Specialist, Physical Fitness Readiness Team member, and Prevention of Sexual Harassment Instructor, and was selected as the recipient of the prestigious Medical Corps Advancement Program; and

**WHEREAS,** Her dedication to service extended beyond her military duties through volunteerism and civic engagement, including serving as Boy Scout Medical Staff at Camp MaKaJaWan, an instructor for New Jersey Boot Camp, a volunteer support coordinator for the Lake County Marathon, a participant in the Marine Corps Marathon, and a contributor to community youth projects through Partners In Education; and

**WHEREAS,** Following her honorable military service, Jean E. Pexton continued her lifelong commitment to helping others through education, serving as an Elementary Resource Teacher and Assistant High School Volleyball Coach in the Hubbard-Radcliffe School District from August 1993 through May 2003; and

**WHEREAS,** In this role, she provided specialized instruction to a student recovering from a traumatic brain injury sustained during football participation, contributed progress monitoring data for Area 7 staff training on measuring progress toward Individualized Education Program goals, and instructed fellow educators on reading instruction

strategies designed to improve student achievement and district-wide testing outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** Her civic engagement during this time included serving as Co-President of a community golf course organization, founding a local A.Y.S.O. Soccer Organization, and volunteering as a Bible School Instructor; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her military and civilian career, Jean E. Pexton remained committed to lifelong learning, pursuing higher education studies at thirteen universities throughout the United States and abroad, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Management from Southern Illinois University, a K-9 Elementary Education Teacher certification from National University in San Diego, California, Preschool and Special Education credentials from Iowa State University, and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Iowa State University; and

**WHEREAS,** Jean E. Pexton dedicated more than two decades of service to Madison-Oneida BOCES, beginning in September 2003 as a Special Education Preschool Itinerant Teacher and School Age Homebound Instructor, later serving as a 12:1:1 Community Based Elementary School Teacher, and ultimately serving as a 12:1:1 Community Based High School Teacher until her retirement in June 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her time at Madison-Oneida BOCES career, she consistently went above and beyond her professional responsibilities by serving on committees to create the Developmentally Appropriate Report Card, mentoring fellow educators, teaching summer school, participating in curriculum development each summer, proctoring Regent's examinations, and attending every Superintendent's Conference Day and faculty meeting in support of educational excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Her devotion to her community has remained steadfast through her civic service as an American Legion Club Adjutant, A.Y.S.O. Volunteer Coach, Pop Warner Parent Volunteer, church fundraiser volunteer, and provider of seasonal patriotic decorations to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Jean E. Pexton has displayed throughout her life of service; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character whose purposeful lives and civic-minded endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and throughout the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jean E. Pexton upon the occasion of her retirement, and to extend to her its deepest gratitude and appreciation for her distinguished military, educational, and civic service; and be it further

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

transmitted to Jean E. Pexton.