Assembly Resolution No. 971

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HONORING Brian Bellair upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service to the Whitesboro Central School District

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 26 years, Brian Bellair rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to the Whitesboro Central School District; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as superintendent of schools, Brian Bellair served with loyalty, honor, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Brian Bellair began his career with Whitesboro Central School District in 2000, when he was appointed principal at Marcy Elementary School; in 2005, he assumed the role of director of special programs, and in 2016, was appointed to superintendent of schools, the distinguished role from which he will retire; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Brian Bellair earned a doctorate in education policy and leadership from SUNY Albany, building on a certificate of advanced study in school leadership from SUNY Cortland, a Master of Science in vocational and technical education from SUNY Oswego, a Bachelor of Professional Studies in business with a concentration in marketing from SUNY IT, and an associate degree in applied science in accounting from Mohawk Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, An admired and respected administrator with a career spanning 35 years in the field of education, Brian Bellair is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades; he was designated the New York State Outstanding Educator of the Year in 2011 by the School Administrators Association, and was the recipient of the 2019-2020 Professional of the Year Award from the New York State Association for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Brian Bellair was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; these outstanding attributes empowered the superintendent to lead with grace during the COVID-19 pandemic, finding an important balance of safety and education throughout its duration; and

WHEREAS, Brian Bellair holds the determination and resilience of his students, and the commitment and care the staff of Whitesboro Central School District in high regard as he enters an exciting new chapter of his life; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Whitesboro Central School District, Brian Bellair earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of his

colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brian Bellair upon the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian Bellair.