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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tracy Robertson for his 50 years of distinguished service to the Indian River School District

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tracy Robertson upon the occasion of his 50 years of distinguished service to the Indian River School District; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Robertson, a graduate of Edinboro University in Pennsylvania, was hired as an art teacher for the Indian River High School in 1962, later transferring to the middle school; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Robertson is the longest serving teacher in the history of the school district; and

WHEREAS, For many years the only African-American teacher in the school district, Tracy Robertson witnessed a diversity boom in the school district in the 1980s when Camp Drum became Fort Drum with an influx of soldiers and their families, and he served as a role model for young minority students; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his distinguished career as an art teacher, Tracy Robertson has been involved with musical groups including the Barbershop Harmony Society, competing in barbershop musical competitions and directing the Northern Blend Chorus, through which he met his wife, Kari; and

WHEREAS, Known for his fun loving spirit, Tracy Robertson's passion for teaching and his love for children has kept him teaching into his 70s with no plans for retirement; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when a person of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and commend that individual for the edification of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tracy Robertson for his 50 years of devoted service to the Indian River School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tracy Robertson.