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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gregory Ahlquist upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 New York State Teacher of the Year by the New York State Board of Regents

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gregory Ahlquist upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 New York State Teacher of the Year by the New York State Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ahlquist has contributed to the excellence and success of his school and is the quintessential selection for the Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, A 1991 Webster Thomas High School graduate, Gregory Ahlquist has been teaching social studies in the Webster School District for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ahlquist has taught a variety of courses including Advanced Placement (AP) world history, AP European history, and a Holocaust elective; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Gregory Ahlquist serves as lead teacher for the entire AP program at Webster Thomas High School; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Webster Teachers Association, the teachers' union, and Webster Central PTSA presented Gregory Ahlquist with its Oak Tree Award for exemplary teaching at the secondary level; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ahlquist received his bachelor's degree in history with a minor in Medieval studies from SUNY Geneseo in 1995; he has served as an adjunct lecturer at SUNY Geneseo, teaching humanities; history courses and Latin for the past 16 years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Amy and their two children, Anna and Hope, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Ahlquist has continuously demonstrated an impressive

dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at his school; and

WHEREAS, Teachers like Gregory Ahlquist provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gregory Ahlquist upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 New York State Teacher of the Year by the New York State Board of Regents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gregory Ahlquist.