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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating P.S. 34, the Oliver H. Perry School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education

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 accomplishment clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in the education of the youth of 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 congratulate P.S. 34, the Oliver H. Perry School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, On September 7, 2012, P.S. 34, the Oliver H. Perry School was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, one of the highest honors in national education; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 34 was founded in 1867, and remains the oldest continuously operating school in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Since being designated as a landmark building in 1983, P.S. 34 has developed into a neighborhood institution In Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York, reflecting its rich culture and commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ribbon schools are designated as paragons of the educational system, expected to uphold significant improvement and achievement in their students; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education only designates three hundred schools with its Blue Ribbon award each year, placing P.S. 34 in an elite bracket of schools; and

WHEREAS, The award is targeted towards recognizing schools with over 40 percent of their students coming from disadvantaged communities, making the task of significant achievement that much more difficult; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 34 was recognized as an "exemplary high performing school" meaning they not only performed well in comparison to schools in

a comparable situation, but were ranked in the top 15 percent of schools in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, P.S. 34 remains committed to developing a critical learning environment and providing students with a well-rounded knowledge base which lets them succeed beyond elementary school; and

WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award stands as a resolute testimony to P.S. 34's standards of excellence, its uncompromising values, unparalleled dedication, and the special teamwork of its family of students, parents, teachers and administrators, who share common goals and uncommon expectations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate P.S. 34, the Oliver H. Perry School upon the occasion of being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education, noting the significance of its accomplishment and recognizing the role such effective schools play in shaping the quality of life in their community, State and Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to P.S. 34, the Oliver H. Perry School.