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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Xanthis upon the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Port Jervis City School District

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and academic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Xanthis upon the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Port Jervis City School District; he will officially retire on August 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, John Xanthis joined the Port Jervis City School District in 2003, first as assistant superintendent of pupil personnel services, then of instruction; he became Superintendent in 2006; and

WHEREAS, A Newburgh native, John Xanthis began his career as an educator in 1977 as a social studies teacher in Warwick schools; he also worked in the Minisink, Wallkill, Newburgh and Goshen districts; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure with the Port Jervis City School District, John Xanthis significantly enhanced the district's infrastructure by facilitating large-scale improvements and integrating technology across the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, John Xanthis' skillful leadership as Superintendent helped to establish full-day kindergarten in the district, and improve state assessments for grades three through eight; above all, he will be forever appreciated for putting first the needs of the students in his charge; and

WHEREAS, Educators like John Xanthis 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; and

WHEREAS, John Xanthis has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of the Port Jervis City School District and the community at large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for many impressive years of dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Xanthis upon the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Port Jervis City School District, and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Xanthis.