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## Senator Hugh T. Farley

*Honoring the Schenectady City School District  
Upon its 150th Anniversary*

*WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished histories of its esteemed educational institutions; and*

*WHEREAS, The Schenectady City School District will celebrate its 150th Anniversary during a Board of Education meeting at Schenectady City Hall on September 3, 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, The Schenectady Public School System was established on April 18, 1854 with 1100 students at the former West College Building of Union College; and*

*WHEREAS, The first Teacher's Training and Model School was opened on Brandywine Avenue in 1910; this center is today known as the Teacher Center for Professional Development; and*

*WHEREAS, The technical engineering program, one of the first of its kind, began at Mont Pleasant High School in the 1930's; and*

*WHEREAS, The District has been a leader in technology, with a nationally recognized interactive videoconferencing program, as well as programs including CISCO, E-Commerce, Microsoft and Oracle; and*

*WHEREAS, The District established other landmark programs including the International Baccalaureate Program in 1999, the Fine Arts Program in 2001, and the first Career and Technical Center in 2002; and*

*WHEREAS, The trend toward a smaller learning community at Schenectady High School was inspired by the High School's General Electric College Bound Program; and*

*WHEREAS, Today, the District includes eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school, one technical career center and one continuing education center accommodating approximately 9000 students; and*

*WHEREAS, The Schenectady City School District has a long and distinguished history of providing excellent educational opportunities and extracurricular activities to its students; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That as a duly elected member of the New York State Senate, I take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the Schenectady City School District upon its 150th Anniversary.*



*Hugh T. Farley*  
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