

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 7th day of March 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Devon Carrow is a 7-year-old boy whose extreme allergies prevent him from doing many of the activities that kids his age enjoy, such as interacting with other children, however his condition hasn't stopped him from attending second grade at Winchester Elementary School, and;

WHEREAS, Devon Carrow attends school using a robot, manufactured by VGo, that he remotely controls from home allowing him to engage in classroom activities via his computer, and;

WHEREAS, the robot can operate remotely for more than twelve hours, and wheels allow Devon Carrow to virtually maneuver around the school, and;

WHEREAS, a camera relays audio and video via the school's Wi-Fi, and a screen on the device gives Devon Carrow a virtual presence in the classroom while he utilizes an LED light to simulate raising his hand, and;

WHEREAS, Devon Carrow is required to meet the same expectation as his peers without being physically present in the classroom, he receives no specialized attention and has been able to intergrade into the school community like any other second-grader, and;

WHEREAS, Devon Carrow is among the first students in the nation to utilize this new technology and the West Seneca School District is one of only four districts in the country to integrate this new technology into their schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Devon Carrow and the faculty and staff at Winchester Elementary for embracing this innovative technology and using creative techniques to engage all children in the learning process.

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator -10th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County