

LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, JUNE 9, 2016 A.D.

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 9th day of June, A.D. 2016, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE was launched eight years ago to provide students with the necessary financial literacy education as well as position students for a career in the industry, and;

WHEREAS, HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE has steadily grown to become a full-fledged academy affiliated with the National Academy Foundation (NAF), arming students with the academic and technical skills needed to participate in the financial sector, and;

WHEREAS, HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE begins in a student's sophomore year and is a three-year career and college readiness program where students acquire universal business skills and knowledge with a strong grounding in the financial industry, and;

WHEREAS, HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE's Advisory Board led the charge to become a not-for-profit corporation, allowing members to solicit funding and donations as a tax-exempt entity and provides the Board a path to further expand the numerous work-based learning opportunities and scholarships, and;

WHEREAS, HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE established a student-run credit union, which is sponsored by Meridia Community Credit Union, located at the high school that is open to any student or staff member who would like to make deposits and even take out a loan, and;

WHEREAS, HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE has a 100 percent student enrollment in postsecondary education after graduation and has partnered with local colleges to provide college-credit opportunities, and;

WHEREAS, HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE received the Excellence in Action Award in the Finance Career Cluster from Advance Career Technical Education (CTE) as a result of their incredible business partnerships, alignment with the National Academy of Finance, and world-class work-based learning opportunities that provide students with the skills they need for success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pauses in its deliberations to congratulate HAMBURG ACADEMY OF FINANCE for being awarded the prestigious Excellence in Action Award.

Lynne M. Dixon
Erie County Legislator District 9

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature