

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. John Frederick Schwaller for his dedicated service to New York State as President of SUNY Potsdam

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. John Frederick Schwaller for his dedicated service to New York State as President of SUNY Potsdam; he will leave this position on July 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, President John Schwaller has lent this campus his personal integrity; his has been a transparent administration, one characterized in all respects by complete honesty and forthright processes, in all aspects of SUNY Potsdam; and

WHEREAS, Serving as SUNY Potsdam President since May of 2006, Dr. John Schwaller previously served as vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean, University of Minnesota, Morris; and

WHEREAS, A nationally-recognized scholar of early colonial Latin America, and of Nahuatl and the Nahuatl, the Aztec language and people, Dr. Schwaller is the author of five books and the editor of two others; additionally, he is the author of 50 articles in leading scholarly journals and encyclopedias and has more than 100 professional papers and presentations to his credit; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schwaller's teaching experience dates to 1969, when as a graduate student, he was an assistant instructor of Spanish at the University of Kansas; he is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Administrative Service Award from the University of Montana, Distinguished Teacher of the Year from Florida Atlantic University and the Library Development Award for Research from the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schwaller is active in the Scouting movement and currently serves as chairman of the Lakes District of the Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts; he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Grinnell College in 1969, a Master of Arts in Spanish from the University of Kansas in 1971, and a Doctorate in History from Indiana University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Schwaller will leave behind a renowned legacy, having served with loyalty, honor and distinction, governed by a keen sense of duty; this remarkable educator always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Anne, and their two sons Robert and William, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. John Frederick Schwaller for his dedicated service to New York State as President of SUNY Potsdam; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. John Frederick Schwaller.