

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Monroe Community College

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate the pursuit of excellence in education and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Monroe Community College; the celebration of this auspicious event will continue through December 2012; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Community College (MCC), located in Rochester, New York, opened its doors to students in 1962; today, it is ranked among the top 15 community colleges in the country for associate degrees awarded; and

WHEREAS, Annually, MCC serves approximately 35,500 students on its Brighton and Damon City campuses, Applied Technologies Center, Public Safety Training Facility and two extension centers; approximately 25 percent of recent high school graduates in the Greater Rochester area begin their higher education at MCC; and

WHEREAS, This upstanding institute is a member of the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College Board of Directors; MCC offers more than 90 degree and certificate programs, residence halls, and 60 student clubs and organizations; and

WHEREAS, MCC's athletics program is ranked sixth in the country among NJCAA programs; it transforms lives through a supportive and collaborative learning environment that prioritizes completion and maximizes the goal attainment of individual learners; and

WHEREAS, MCC collaborates with regional businesses and industries to meet evolving workforce and employer needs within a global economic context; it also participates in strategic alliances which closes gaps within the education pipeline and helps leverage learner success; and

WHEREAS, Its foundation ranks first among SUNY community colleges for unrestricted giving from private philanthropists and foundations, and ranks second for total giving; and

WHEREAS, The community invests in its future leaders through the MCC Foundation, as well as private public partnerships which enable the college to remain innovative, grow programs, scholarship dollars for students and enhance campus facilities; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its President Anne M. Kress, Ph.D. and Kenneth G. Goode, Chair of the Board of Trustees, MCC is a leader in dual degree programs and articulation agreements with four-year institutions within and outside of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Community College is a dynamic learning community where access, excellence, and leadership are the College's hallmarks; for the past five decades, nearly 458,000 students have attended MCC and have stood faithful to its mission to educate and prepare diverse learners to achieve scholarly, professional, and individual success within a local and global context; the College serves as a catalyst for innovation, economic development, lifelong learning, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, MCC's vision states it will champion opportunity, innovation, and excellence to transform lives and communities; and

WHEREAS, Today, Monroe Community College continues to fulfill its laudatory educational purposes, and eagerly fulfills its commitment to its students, faculty, alumni and community; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Community College's plans for growth will ensure all that work and attend the college will have multiple choices, and tremen-

dous opportunities for success, in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when an educational institution of such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention, it should be recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Monroe Community College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne M. Kress, Ph.D., President of Monroe Community College and Kenneth G. Goode, Chair of the Board of Trustees.