

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Matthew Goldstein for 14 years of invaluable service to the State as chancellor of The City University of New York

WHEREAS, New York State is proud to be home to a world-renowned public university system that includes The City University of New York (CUNY), which provides access to quality higher education for New Yorkers and for people throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Matthew Goldstein for his invaluable service to the State as chancellor of The City University of New York; he will be stepping down after 14 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Goldstein, a mathematician/statistician and former president of Baruch College, the CUNY Research Foundation, and Adelphi University, was appointed chancellor of CUNY in 1999, the first CUNY graduate (City College of New York, 1963) to lead the University, which comprises 24 colleges and professional schools throughout New York City; under Chancellor Goldstein's leadership, CUNY has experienced a widely lauded transformation; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein enacted a series of reforms to elevate CUNY's academic profile while maintaining its historic mission of access, including raising admission standards for baccalaureate colleges, implementing uniform assessment measures, establishing University-wide accountability processes, and, developing a faculty recruitment initiative that, since 1999, has brought over 2,000 new full-time faculty members to the University; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein oversaw a strengthening of partnerships with the New York City Department of Education to enhance student preparation for, and participation in, higher education, leading to one of the most comprehensive programs of K-12 collaborations in the country, including the College Now program - the nation's largest dual enrollment program, serving over 20,000 students annually - as well as specialized high schools on CUNY campuses, 14 early college high schools, and the Graduate NYC initiative to increase student readiness and success in college; and

WHEREAS, The result of a University-wide emphasis on high standards and academic rigor has been record enrollments -- more than 270,000 degree-seeking students and 220,000 individuals in adult and continuing education -- a highly diverse student body, increased graduation rates, growing numbers of high-achieving students, and the proliferation of CUNY students winning nationally competitive awards, including Rhodes, Truman, Marshall, and Goldwater scholarships and National Science Foundation graduate fellowships; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein's vision also included the creation of new schools and colleges within CUNY, including the highly acclaimed William E. Macaulay Honors College, the CUNY School of Professional Studies, the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, the CUNY School of Public Health, and, most recently, the New Community College at CUNY, adding an innovative new model to the system's six established community colleges; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein has also emphasized the importance of research and study in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) through the launch of the Decade of Science initiative, begun in 2005 and focused on increasing student proficiency in the STEM fields, enhancing research capacity, intensifying faculty recruiting, and building and upgrading science facilities, including the new CUNY Advanced Science Research Center; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein developed the "compact" approach to

funding, a partnership between government and the University focused on meeting the University's operational needs, investing in academic priorities, enabling students to plan for tuition costs, and maintaining financial aid, and a model affirmed by Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature in their historic approval of a five-year tuition plan for CUNY and SUNY in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein launched CUNY's first University-wide fund-raising campaign in 2004, partnering with thousands of CUNY alumni, as well as foundations and corporations, to support the University through student scholarships, endowed chairs and faculty fellowships, academic programs, and capital projects, meeting the campaign's goal of raising \$1.2 billion in record time, and initiating a second phase, now on track to reach \$3 billion by 2015; and

WHEREAS, At Chancellor Goldstein's direction, the University has created a common curricular structure through the "Pathways to Degree Completion" initiative, in order to streamline student transfer, enhance the quality of general education, establish system-wide learning outcomes, and ensure that students do not exhaust financial aid resources and increase time to degree because of inconsistent transfer and general education policies; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Goldstein is nationally recognized for his educational work, serving on the U.S. Teaching Commission and the New York State Commission on Higher Education and leading two national summits on public higher education; he has also been a dedicated civic leader, chairing the 2010 New York City Charter Revision Commission by appointment and serving as chair of the New York City Regional Economic Development Council and a member of the latest New York Education Reform Commission, both also by appointment; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service, Matthew Goldstein leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the residents of The City University of New York community and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Matthew Goldstein for 14 years of invaluable service to the State as chancellor of The City University of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Goldstein.