

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Steve Winter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Leadership in Education Award by SUNY Orange Foundation

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Steve Winter has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Steve Winter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Leadership in Education Award by SUNY Orange Foundation; he will be celebrated at the foundation's 8th Annual Leadership Awards Ceremony, featuring The Spirit of Entrepreneurship, on Thursday, April 10, 2014, on the SUNY Orange Newburgh, New York, campus; and

WHEREAS, Steve Winter, who is nearing the completion of his 51st year as a full-time faculty member at Orange County Community College (SUNY Orange), is the College's longest tenured faculty member in a full-time role; throughout his illustrious tenure, he has been a leader and visionary in implementing innovative programs designed with student learning in mind; and

WHEREAS, Steve Winter served as chair of the Business Department for 24 years where, under his astute guidance, the department developed programs and partnerships that not only enhanced student opportunities, but shaped the entire institution; he oversaw the creation of the Associate in Science degree program in business administration, as well as the Associate in Applied Science degree in marketing; in 1982, he recommended the establishment of the IBIG management institute, a precursor to Continuing and Professional Education, and SUNY Orange was the first community college in the nation to plan and co-sponsor a business institute with local chambers of commerce; and

WHEREAS, Steve Winter has led his colleagues in the adoption of distance learning, and was one of the first faculty members at SUNY Orange to use videos, created with green screen technology, in classrooms and online; and

WHEREAS, Steve Winter's prowess as a leader in higher education has garnered widespread recognition; in 2008 he received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the SUNY Orange President's Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs' Excellence in Teaching Award for the Northeast Region; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Steve Winter has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Steve Winter has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Steve Winter upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Leadership in Education Award by SUNY Orange Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Steve Winter.