

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Sage Colleges upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of Excellence Award by the Oakwood Cemetery on October 22, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Sage Colleges upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of Excellence Award by the Oakwood Cemetery celebrated at its 14th Annual Evening at the Earl on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at the Gardner Earl Chapel, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is given to an institution for their outstanding contributions to our great Nation and the entire World; the Sage Colleges are being recognized for their commitment to raising and applying knowledge and service to its graduates; and

WHEREAS, The Sage Colleges are composed of four separate entities including Russell Sage College, Sage College of Albany, School of Professional and Continuing Education, and the Sage Graduate Schools; and

WHEREAS, In 1916, Russell Sage College of Troy, New York, was established by Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage in honor of her late husband; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage became involved in the Women's Suffrage Movement and partnered with Eliza Kellas, the head of the Emma Willard School, to offer education to women to prepare them for independent careers; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, an Albany division of the Sage Colleges was opened; both men and women were offered two year, four year and graduate degrees; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the Sage Colleges celebrated their Centennial Anniversary; throughout its 100 year history, this vital educational institution has stood proud and prominent, always looking to the future and the needs of those it serves; and

WHEREAS, With great admiration, this Legislative Body is proud to pay tribute to the Sage Colleges which stands at the threshold of the future with its legacy of outstanding achievements and its impressive body of distinguished alumni; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Sage Colleges upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of Excellence Award by the Oakwood Cemetery on October 22, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sage Colleges.