

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Candace Vancko upon the occasion of her retirement after over 15 years of distinguished service as President of the State University of New York at Delhi

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those leaders in education whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Candace Vancko upon the occasion of her retirement after over 15 years of distinguished service as President of the State University of New York at Delhi to be celebrated on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in Delhi, New York; she will officially step down in May of 2016; and

WHEREAS, For over 15 years, Dr. Candace Vancko has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as President of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Delhi; she is regarded as having the single greatest positive impact of any President in the modern history of the school; and

WHEREAS, Candace Vancko received her Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Speech from the Pennsylvania State University, and completed her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Ohio University; and

WHEREAS, Prior to being named President of SUNY Delhi, Dr. Candace Vancko worked in both the private and the public sector, and is nationally recognized as a Higher Education Management Specialist; she also served as Vice President of Enrollment Services at Hocking College, and was an associate for Noel-Levitz, one of the nation's leading higher education consulting firms; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1999, Dr. Candace Vancko was named the ninth president of SUNY Delhi, a position in which she served with loyalty, honor, and distinction, while making many great advancements for the college; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Candace Vancko's illustrious tenure, SUNY Delhi has achieved record enrollment and retention, and became ranked among both the Top 50 Baccalaureate Colleges in the North and in the Top 10% Online Bachelor's Degrees in the Nation by US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed woman has built partnerships with business, industry, and government leaders, as well as other SUNY Community Colleges to offer unique services and programs to students across New York State; she has also helped her school earn Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Dr. Candace Vancko has helped SUNY Delhi complete numerous major capital projects including the renovation of the Farrell Student and Community Center, the transformation of Sanford Hall into a state-of-the-art-facility for the School of Nursing and Business Department, and the construction of Clark Field House; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Candace Vancko has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; she has served on many important committees including the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council, and the search committee which selected the Chancellor of the State University of New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Candace Vancko serves as Co-Chair of SUNY's Vibrant Community initiative, and is a member of both the Provost's Open SUNY Advisory Committee and the New York Campus Compact Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, In her official acts, Dr. Candace Vancko was governed by a keen sense of duty, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems, earning her the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Candace Vancko upon the occasion of her retirement after over 15 years of distinguished service as President of the State University of New York at Delhi, and to wish her all the best in her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Candace Vancko.