

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Thomas M. Banchich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Kenneth L. Koessler Distinguished Faculty Award by the Canisius College Alumni Association

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the great 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 Thomas M. Banchich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Kenneth L. Koessler Distinguished Faculty Award by the Canisius College Alumni Association, to be celebrated at its Spring Honors Convocation on Friday, May 19, 2017, in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Canisius College Alumni Association's Kenneth L. Koessler Distinguished Faculty Award is presented to a Canisius faculty member in recognition of both their teaching excellence and outstanding contributions to the academic world; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Banchich, a Professor and Chairman of the Classics Department at Canisius College, has received this prestigious award in recognition of his many educational achievements as well as his passionate commitment to his discipline; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree and his Masters of Arts degree in History, Thomas M. Banchich went on to study at the SUNY at Buffalo, where he earned his Ph.D. in the Classics; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Thomas M. Banchich has been promoting the study and value of ancient Greek and Latin history, literature, philosophy, art and culture; in this capacity, he has developed many popular courses at the college, such as Roman history, Greek history and Alexander the Great; and

WHEREAS, In addition to articles and reviews, Thomas M. Banchich's numerous publications also include the monographs: "The Lost History of Peter the Patrician" and "The History of Zonaras: From Alexander Severus to the Death of Theodosius the Great"; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife and two children, who have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Banchich has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at Canisius College for the benefit of its faculty and students,

as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Banchich has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of Canisius College, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for his impressive dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas M. Banchich upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2017 Kenneth L. Koessler Distinguished Faculty Award by the Canisius College Alumni Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas M. Banchich.