

BY: Senator RITCHIE

CONGRATULATING President Carole A. McCoy upon the occasion of her retirement after 10 years of distinguished service to Jefferson Community College in Watertown, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals 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 congratulate President Carole A. McCoy upon the occasion of her retirement after 10 years of distinguished service to Jefferson Community College in Watertown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Carole McCoy was appointed as the fifth president of Jefferson Community College in February of 2007; and

WHEREAS, She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Framingham State College in Massachusetts, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts, and a doctorate in public administration from the University of Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCoy serves the community on the Board of Directors of the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization (FDRLO), the Greater Watertown North/Country Chamber of Commerce, WPBS and the Victim's Assistance Center; she is also a member of the Watertown Rotary Club and an active member and Secretary of the New York Community College Presidents Association; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure as President, Jefferson Community College has seen its graduation rates exceed national averages, has successfully completed a 10 year accreditation cycle, and saw its nursing program also receive accreditation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, under Dr. McCoy's leadership, the Jefferson Higher Education Center was created and partners with other colleges, including the State Universities at Oswego and Potsdam to offer local students baccalaureate and graduate degrees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. McCoy was also instrumental in the construction of the College's Collaborative Learning Center and construction of a new residence hall; and

WHEREAS, Carole McCoy has clearly had an enduring impact on the students of Jefferson Community College, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the

efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud traditions of institutions of higher education by providing their skills and talents to our colleges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate President Carole A. McCoy upon the occasion of her retirement after 10 years of distinguished service to Jefferson Community College in Watertown, New York, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carole A. McCoy.