

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute on August 4, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, to be celebrated on Friday, August 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Utica College of Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi started working for local companies including Mohawk Data Sciences and the United Way of Greater Utica; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi was appointed Treasurer of Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in April of 1982; eight years later, he was named Director of Finance before accepting the position of Vice President of Operations and Director of Finance in 1992, as well as Vice President and Treasurer in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi rose to the esteemed position of President in December of 2011; he was instrumental in fundraising, working to secure many of Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute's large gifts; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi focused on the visitor experience, working to create a more friendly and welcoming environment and added popular programs including First Fridays Happy Hours and Art Alive Family Days; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as President of Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi served on the Board of Directors for numerous charitable organizations including the Slocum-Dickson Foundation, the Utica Public Library and Upstate Caring Partners; in addition, he is the current President of the

Board of Directors for Mohawk Valley Handicap Services; and

WHEREAS, To honor his many years of service and leadership, and in recognition of his impact on his community, Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute has established the Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi Scholarship Fund to benefit students from the Utica area attending the PrattMWP College of Art and Design; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute on August 4, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony J. Spiridigloizzi.