

BY: Senator MARCELLINO

COMMEMORATING the rechartering of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Colony at Long Island University Post on March 25, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 commemorate the rechartering of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Colony at Long Island University Post on Saturday, March 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE), a national fraternity was founded in 1856, at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa; its national headquarters are located on the campus of Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois; to date, over 330,000 men have been initiated brothers since its inception, making it the largest social fraternity in the world; and

WHEREAS, In 1891, the first chapter of SAE was established in the State of New York at Cornell University; currently, there are active chapters at RPI, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Oswego, and Hofstra University; and

WHEREAS, The New York Beta chapter was formed at CW Post, now Long Island University (LIU), in 1969; the chapter dissolved in 1977 after the University abolished fraternities; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the New York Beta Colony was formed with hopes of re-chartering the chapter at LIU; for the last two years, the Colony successfully completed a rigorous two year review process; and

WHEREAS, The brothers of New York Beta Colony represent a cross-section of the student body of LIU; the Colony is comprised of brothers from various religions, ethnicities and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, On March 25, 2017, the New York Beta Colony is expected to be rechartered, and the brothers will be welcomed to the realm; the new brothers of the New York Beta Colony will strive to stay true to the Fraternity's mission of advancing the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, leadership and service for its members throughout life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence 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 commemorate the rechartering of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Colony at Long Island University Post on March 25, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Colony at Long Island University Post.