

Assembly Resolution No. 177

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HONORING James R. Tallon, Jr. for his many years of distinguished service to the New York State Board of Regents

WHEREAS, It is the practice of the State of New York to recognize those skilled and dedicated individuals within our midst whose notable professional and personal accomplishments merit the recognition of their local communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James R. Tallon, Jr. for his 15 years of distinguished service to the New York State Board of Regents; he will officially step down from this esteemed position and leave the Board of Regents in March of 2017; and

WHEREAS, He received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude, in political science from Syracuse University, and a master's degree in international relations from Boston University, as well as awarded honorary doctorates of humane letters from the College of Medicine and School of Graduate Studies of the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, and from New York Medical College; and

WHEREAS, Regent Tallon was named an honorary fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in March 2000; he was honored in May 2007 with an honorary doctoral degree from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Regent Tallon, a nationally recognized health care policy leader, is President of the United Hospital Fund of New York; he is also the Chair of The Commonwealth Fund and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Alliance of Health Reform, and serves on the boards of the Institute on Medicine as a Profession and the New York eHealth Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Regent Tallon is a member of the Advisory Board for the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, is a former member of the boards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Center for Health Policy Development, and held visiting lecturer appointments at the Columbia University and Harvard University schools of public health; and

WHEREAS, James R. Tallon, Jr. was appointed to the New York State Board of Regents on April 1, 2002, and re-elected to five-year terms on April 1, 2007, and April 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work in education, James R. Tallon, Jr. represented Binghamton and parts of Broome County in the New York State Assembly for 19 years, beginning in 1975; he chaired the Health

Committee from 1979 to 1987, and was Majority Leader from 1987 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Norma, and their three adult sons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 James R. Tallon, Jr. for his many years of distinguished service to New York State and the New York State Board of Regents, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James R. Tallon, Jr.