

Assembly Resolution No. 686

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COMMENDING Nancy Zimpher, Ph.D. on her distinguished service as the State University of New York Chancellor

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Nancy Zimpher, Ph.D. on her eight years of distinguished service as the 12th Chancellor of the State University of New York, the first woman to hold this venerable position; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, Nancy Zimpher has served as Chancellor of the State University of New York, the largest comprehensive university system in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Zimpher has been an innovative leader, creating a diverse set of successful initiatives in several key areas including research and innovation, energy, health care, global affairs, and the education pipeline through her strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Nancy Zimpher has led the State University of New York into many innovative initiatives which include shared services, an expansion of online learning opportunities and cooperative education, and championing reforms that provided broad access to high-quality higher education while maximizing the system's economic revitalization impact throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Zimpher has dedicated her life to public service through her activity in numerous state and national education organizations, including serving as chair of the Board of Governors of the New York Academy of Sciences and National Association of System Heads, and formerly leading the National Coalition of Urban Serving Universities and chairing CEOs for Cities; and

WHEREAS, As co-founder of StriveTogether, a national network of innovative systemic partnerships that holistically address challenges across the education pipeline, Nancy Zimpher has changed lives and communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Zimpher has served as an innovator and resource in the topics of teacher education, urban education, academic leadership and community-university partnerships through authoring and co-authoring numerous books, monographs and academic journal articles; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, expertise, and dedication as that demonstrated by Nancy Zimpher; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Nancy Zimpher, Ph.D. on her eight years of distinguished service as Chancellor of the State University of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nancy Zimpher, Ph.D.