

BY: Senator BRESLIN

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending R. Karl Rethemeyer upon the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of dedicated service to the University at Albany

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend R. Karl Rethemeyer upon the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of dedicated service to the University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, R. Karl Rethemeyer earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences and his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the Wharton School of Business; in 1993, obtained his Master of Science degree in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Later, R. Karl Rethemeyer furthered his education by earning his Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, R. Karl Rethemeyer began his long and distinguished career in education at the University at Albany in September of 2002 as an Assistant Professor of Public Administration & Policy; in July of 2017, he was promoted to Professor; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2003, R. Karl Rethemeyer began his administrative duties as the Director of the Masters in Public Administration Program; in September of 2005, he transitioned to the role of Director of the Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy Program; and

WHEREAS, From September of 2009 through February of 2015, R. Karl Rethemeyer served as Chair of the Department of Public Administration and Policy; beginning in March of 2012, he was also the Associate Dean of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and

WHEREAS, R. Karl Rethemeyer then assumed the title of Interim Dean for the college, and after almost three years of service, he became Dean, the position from which he will officially retire on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, R. Karl Rethemeyer has been published many times and has initiated an extensive list of grant-supported projects; for his exceptional work, he was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2005 Laverne Burchfield Award for Best Book Review in **Public Administration Review**, Volume 64 and the 2009 Accenture Advances Award for Best Article in **International**

Public Management Journal, Volume 11; from August of 2006-July of 2007, he was the Department of Homeland Security START Fellow and a 2008 Minnowbrook III Emerging Scholar Invitee; and

WHEREAS, A caring, competent and committed leader, R. Karl Rethemeyer's character and integrity are the hallmarks of his life and work as an educational leader, a community volunteer and as a person; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Albany County are indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a dedicated and respected educational leader; his wisdom and contributions to the University at Albany have truly made a difference in the lives of those fortunate enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in the State of New York, R. Karl Rethemeyer has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as Dean, R. Karl Rethemeyer leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the students of the University at Albany and to the residents of the Capital Region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend R. Karl Rethemeyer upon the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of dedicated service to the University at Albany, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to R. Karl Rethemeyer.