

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Stuart Rabinowitz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of distinguished service as President and 50 years of exceptional service to Hofstra University

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals in the teaching profession who distinguish themselves in their dedication and commitment to their students; and

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stuart Rabinowitz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of distinguished service as President and 50 years of exceptional service to Hofstra University to be celebrated at its Annual Gala on Thursday, July 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Rabinowitz has served as the eighth president of Hofstra University since 2001; a member of the faculty of the Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law since 1972, he served as dean from 1989 through 2001; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Hofstra University has created several new schools, including the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, the Hofstra/Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, and the School of Health Professions and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, President Stuart Rabinowitz also founded the University's National Center for Suburban Studies and the Institute of Innovation & Entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Hofstra is the only university in the United States to host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012, 2016); President Stuart Rabinowitz serves on the board of directors of the LIA and as co-vice chair of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, President Stuart Rabinowitz has received the Martin Luther King Living the Dream Award, EOC; Distinguished Service in the Cause of Justice, Legal Aid Society; UJA Federation Leadership Award; the Bar Association of Nassau County Proclamation for Outstanding Service to the legal profession and the community; the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Nassau County's Community Service Award; the Alumni Association of the City College of

New York's 2005 Townsend Harris Medal; and **Networking** magazine's David Award; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he received the Chief Executive Leadership Award from CASE, District II, and in 2020 was named to City and State of New York's Higher Education Power 50 and Long Island Power 100 lists; Claflin University presented President Stuart Rabinowitz with the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa; and

WHEREAS, President Stuart Rabinowitz received a juris doctor, magna cum laude, from Columbia University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, As a knowledgeable and highly skilled President, Stuart Rabinowitz has improved the quality of education at Hofstra University by leading and supporting staff with enthusiasm, cultivating a positive and stimulating school environment for his students, and creating a greater sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Educators like President Stuart Rabinowitz provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of young people in their educational journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Stuart Rabinowitz upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 20 years of distinguished service as President and 50 years of exceptional service to Hofstra University; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President Stuart Rabinowitz.