

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMENDING Purchase College, State University of New York upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Commencement on May 20, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those exemplary institutions of higher education within the State of New York for their enduring commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Purchase College, State University of New York upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Commencement on Friday, May 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, During this auspicious occasion, The Honorable Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, and Kevin Young, Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture will be presented with Honorary Doctoral Degree Awards; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Corina Larkin, Class of 2006, writer, painter, and former Executive Director of the Cue Art Foundation, will be recognized with the President's Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, Located in the center of 500 acres of open fields and sprawling forests, about 30 miles north of New York City, Purchase College, State University of New York remains true to its mission by bringing together students in the liberal arts, sciences, and conservatory arts programs in a vibrant, creative community where in-depth knowledge grows from open-minded engagement, questioning boundaries, and inspiring possibility; and

WHEREAS, As of the Fall of 2021, total student enrollment was 3,446 undergraduate students and 83 graduate students, roughly 83% of whom are New York residents; the remainder come from 40 states and 24 foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, These students are offered 47 majors, 32 minors, four graduate majors, artist diplomas and performers certificates; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the visionary guidance of President Dr. Milagros Pena, Purchase College, State University of New York stands proud and prominent, always looking to the future and the needs of those it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Purchase College, State University of New York upon the occasion of celebrating its 50th Commencement on May 20, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Milagros Pena, President, Purchase College, State

University of New York.