

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

HONORING Deborah Stendardi upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to Rochester Institute of Technology

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Deborah Stendardi upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT); she will officially retire at the end of December; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Stendardi began her employment with RIT in 1979, as Director of Government and Community Affairs; since then, she has been promoted to Interim Vice President, and Associate Vice President, before being named Vice President, the esteemed position from which she will retire; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining RIT, Deborah Stendardi served in a variety of positions for six years with the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in Albany; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her RIT responsibilities, Deborah Stendardi is very active within the Rochester community, serving in several volunteer and leadership roles for the United Way and Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce, as well as other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Stendardi, who holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Cortland, and a master's degree from SUNY Albany, was the recipient of the Miller Award given by the United Way to the outstanding campaign coordinator of the year in 1996; and

WHEREAS, For the past 41 years, Deborah Stendardi rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to RIT; in her capacity as Vice President, she served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Deborah Stendardi upon the occasion of her retirement, and to wish her well in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Deborah Stendardi.