

BY: Senator MAY

COMMEMORATING the 75th Anniversary of Le Moyne College

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the young adults of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, and to recognize its commitment to helping generations of students in their pursuit of academic excellence and empowering them through their education to make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Le Moyne College is a highly-respected institution of higher education in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Named after the 17th century Jesuit and emissary of the French government in Montreal to the Haudenosaunee, Le Moyne College was founded by the Society of Jesus in 1946, and honors the Onondaga Nation, the indigenous people on whose land the College stands; and

WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings as the first Jesuit coeducational undergraduate institution, to becoming the first Jesuit college to have a female laywoman president, Le Moyne College embodies its teachings of social justice, academic excellence, and commitment to improving the lives of those in our community; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished 75-year history, Le Moyne College has become nationally recognized as one of America's best liberal arts colleges, securing its reputation for providing a rigorous education in the Jesuit tradition; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Le Moyne College has grown from offering classes in downtown Syracuse at 254 East Onondaga Street, to hosting classes on its 150-acre campus, which is home to 29 buildings; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the visionary guidance of its President, Linda LeMura, the College enrolls approximately 2,500 full-time undergraduate students and more than 500 graduate students, and employs over 600 faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, Le Moyne College alumni remain a testament to the

institution's emphasis on education of the whole person and the search for meaning and value as integral parts of the intellectual life, pursuing and excelling in careers such as business, politics, communications, law, health care, and education; and

WHEREAS, For more than three-quarters of a century, Le Moyne College has demonstrated its commitment to the Jesuit ideal of service to one's community through its engagement with the City of Syracuse and by empowering its students to become "men and women for and with others"; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, Le Moyne College may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth and hold true of purpose in its dedication to serving the educational needs of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Le Moyne College, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment and the significance of its accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Linda LeMura, President of Le Moyne College.