

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of President Emeritus Andrew J. Matonak, devoted educator and dedicated member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn publicly the death of certain prominent individuals whose valued contributions to their community and their profession served to enhance the quality of life in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Matonak, affectionately known to many as Drew or Andy, died on Saturday, November 7, 2020, at the age of 66 following a courageous battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Born to the late Dolores (Schnur) and Andy Matonak, Andrew J. Matonak earned his associate degree from Butler County Community College and his bachelor's degree in sociology from The College of Wooster in Ohio; he furthered his education by obtaining his master's degree in student personnel administration from Michigan State University and his doctorate in high education administration from The University of Houston; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2005, Andrew J. Matonak assumed the role of president of Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) in Troy, New York, and officially retired in June of 2018 after 13 years of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, President Andrew J. Matonak led the college through a period of impressive growth and innovation in both academic programming and student services, as well as a modernization of the college's 120-acre campus and its technological infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Under Andrew J. Matonak's able leadership, HVCC introduced more than 25 new degree and certificate programs while significantly expanding online offerings and high school pipeline programs; he also managed the expansion of progressive student support services including the creation of the Center for Academic Engagement, the Marvin Library Learning Commons and the Wellness Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Andrew J. Matonak led a \$200 million facilities master plan and the construction of a pedestrian-friendly, high technology campus with several new, state-of-the-art buildings including the Science Center, Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies (TEC-SMART) in Malta; Administration Building; as well as the parking garage and Outdoor Athletic Complex; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Andrew J. Matonak hosted then-President Barack Obama and Dr. Jill Biden at the college and proudly gave them a tour, highlighting its many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the role the college played in economic and community development, Andrew J. Matonak took on leadership positions with numerous organizations and boards including the Capital Region Economic Development Council, the Capital Region Chamber, Center for Economic Growth, Saratoga Economic Development Council and Troy 2020; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Matonak is survived by his wife, Karen; one daughter, Taylor; and many nieces and nephews as well as a legion of students, fellow educators and friends who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Matonak continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at HVCC for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; he truly left a legacy to the residents of Troy and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of President Emeritus Andrew J. Matonak, devoted educator and dedicated member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of President Emeritus Andrew J. Matonak.