

Assembly Resolution No. 723

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CONGRATULATING Dr. Anthony G. Collins, President of Clarkson University and devoted advocate for higher education, upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the field of education

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Anthony G. Collins upon the occasion of his retirement after 19 years of distinguished service to Clarkson University on Thursday, June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Anthony G. Collins launched his illustrious career at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, as an Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently rising to the rank of Professor, Anthony G. Collins also assumed increasing levels of administrative responsibility, including Department Chair, Dean, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Provost, before being elected President in 2003, the esteemed role from which he will officially retire; and

WHEREAS, For the past 19 years, Anthony G. Collins rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Clarkson University, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, As President, Anthony G. Collins served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, Serving in various capacities while President of Clarkson University, Anthony G. Collins notably was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve on the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2011, Anthony G. Collins was appointed co-chair for the North Country Regional Economic Development Council, where he served until 2019; he also served on a commission to study utility companies' storm preparation and management, and to overhaul regulation of the entire system to better deal with emergencies; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Anthony G. Collins was appointed in 2020 to join the Reimagine Task Force to devise ways to safely reopen educational institutions in New York State; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Anthony G. Collins is the chair of

the Association of Independent Technological Institutions (AITU) and the emeritus chair of New York's Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he is a member of the New York State panel tasked to advise the Governor and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on the redesign of New York's airports and the supporting infrastructure to attract additional commercial activity; and

WHEREAS, On a local level, Anthony G. Collins is the President of the Seaway Private Equity Corporation which invests in new technology companies based in St. Lawrence County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of many accolades, Anthony G. Collins has received awards for outstanding teaching, research, and advising; he was also named to City & State New York's "Higher Education Power 50" list, which honors the 50 most powerful New Yorkers working in higher education; he was among the primary architects of the Vision of a Clarkson Education, guiding the evolution of the university's curriculum since 1995, which, among other notable achievements, certainly attributes to such an accolade; and

WHEREAS, Anthony G. Collins has lectured globally and is the author of more than 90 professional publications; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Karen, and their four children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Dr. Anthony G. Collins upon the occasion of his retirement after 19 years of distinguished service to Clarkson University; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Anthony G. Collins.