

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Elizabeth Kelley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Norman R. McConney, Jr. Award for EOP Excellence by The State University of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the students of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Elizabeth Kelley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Norman R. McConney, Jr. Award for EOP Excellence by The State University of New York on Thursday, April 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is a comprehensive support program which plays a pivotal role in opening doors to a SUNY education for academically disadvantaged students from low-income families in the State of New York; EOP is one of the oldest and most successful college access programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award honors the legacy of Norman R. McConney, Jr., a University at Albany graduate who alongside former Assembly Deputy Speaker Arthur O. Eve, created the Educational Opportunity Program, a program which has changed the lives of tens of thousands of students over its more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, This special honor recognizes EOP students who have shown tremendous leadership academically and socially on their campus, and who have overcome unique challenges on their path to success; Elizabeth Kelley is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Kelley is in the Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities/Social Sciences A.S. program at SUNY Corning Community College, serves as an EOP Peer Coach, EOP Activity Coordinator, and works on campus with the College's dining service; and

WHEREAS, A proven leader within EOP, Elizabeth Kelley possess both the motivation and the promise to succeed in higher education; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of New York, the strength of our communities, and the vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Elizabeth Kelley, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Kelley, in achieving this high academic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Elizabeth Kelley, a young woman and able scholar, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Elizabeth Kelley upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Norman R. McConney, Jr. Award for EOP Student Excellence, and to extend to her the best wishes of this Legislative Body for a future of purposeful success and well-being; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elizabeth Kelley.