

BY: Senator STAVISKY

COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of the Foster
Youth College Success Initiative

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge the purposeful endeavors that serve to enhance the lives of the youth of our great State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Foster Youth College Success Initiative, to be celebrated on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the Corning Tower Observation Deck in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Foster Youth College Success Initiative (FYCSI) is a state program specifically for foster youth who are in college or entering college and is designed to provide support and financial assistance to help them achieve academic success and meet college expenses; and

WHEREAS, The program's intention is to meet the full range of needs of each FYCSI student to ensure that unnecessary obstacles do not derail a student's educational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Funding through the Foster Youth College Success Initiative is provided based on need and supports the costs necessary for eligible students to attend college including tuition and fees, meals, housing, books and supplies, transportation, academic support, and personal expenses; and

WHEREAS, The Foster Youth College Success Initiative serves foster youth across SUNY, CUNY, and independent colleges and universities throughout New York State, reflecting a statewide commitment to equitable access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, Foster youth are a population to whom New York State bears a particular responsibility, and supporting their success in higher education reflects this Legislative Body's commitment to equity and opportunity for every young New Yorker; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge that those initiatives which enhance the well-being and success of citizens of New York State and have shown a long and sustained commitment to education, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Foster Youth College Success Initiative.

