Assembly Resolution No. 30

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COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Nursing Program at SUNY Polytechnic Institute

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor educational institutions that have demonstrated excellence in preparing students to meet the critical demands of their professions and contribute to the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Nursing Program at SUNY Polytechnic Institute, recognizing its exceptional contributions to nursing education, healthcare leadership, and the well-being of communities throughout New York State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The State University of New York Polytechnic Institute (SUNY Poly), established on June 14, 1966, has been a cornerstone of higher education and innovation, embodying its mission to foster academic and professional success; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, SUNY Poly launched one of its first bachelor's degree programs, the RN-BS Nursing Program, pioneering an innovative pathway for Associate Degree and Diploma-prepared Registered Nurses to advance their education and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and

WHEREAS, This transformative program, officially commencing in 1975, has grown to meet the evolving needs of the healthcare industry, establishing Master of Science programs in Nursing Administration in 1988, Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) in 1993, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) in 2000, and additional advanced programs in Gerontological Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Education in 2007; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Poly's commitment to excellence in nursing education is evidenced by its national accreditations from the National League for Nursing (NLN) in 1982 and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in 1992, with subsequent reaccreditations marking its enduring academic rigor and quality; and

WHEREAS, The program has continued to evolve and innovate, introducing the region's first Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program specializing in Psychiatric Mental Health in 2022, placing SUNY Poly among a select few institutions nationally to offer such a specialization; and

WHEREAS, With the dedication of visionary leaders such as Dr. Ellen Coher, Dr. Elizabeth Kellogg Walker, Dr. Janine Muldoon, and others, the Nursing Program has grown into a beacon of professional excellence and has seen its graduates make significant contributions to healthcare across New York State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, the Department of Nursing transitioned to the School of Nursing within the College of Health Sciences, reaffirming its prominence and commitment to meeting the healthcare challenges of the future; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, the Nursing Program at SUNY Poly has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to preparing compassionate, skilled, and innovative nursing professionals who uphold the highest standards of patient care; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to honor and commend SUNY Polytechnic Institute's Nursing Program for its outstanding contributions to education, healthcare, and community well-being, serving as an inspiration for future generations of nursing professionals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pauses in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Nursing Program at SUNY Polytechnic Institute, celebrating its remarkable history, achievements, and contributions to the healthcare field; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to SUNY Polytechnic Institute's School of Nursing.