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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY, ALFANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARRA, CLARK, COOK, ORTIZ, TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the Marcus Garvey chair in international studies in the Africana studies department at Brooklyn college of the city university of New York

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 239-a to read as follows:

S 239-A. MARCUS GARVEY CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN THE AFRICANA STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY. THE PUBLIC COLLEGES IN THIS STATE ENJOY A WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INTELLECTUAL VITALITY. FOR THEM TO PRESERVE AND FURTHER ENHANCE THEIR STATURE THEY MUST COMPETE FOR DISTINGUISHED AND RENOWNED SCHOLARS. THE PRESENCE OF AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SCHOLAR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN THE AFRICANA STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK WILL STRENGTHEN AND STIMULATE THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY. THE PRESENCE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL ALSO ATTRACT EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY MEMBERS, RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS TO THE AFRICANA STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, AND NURTURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STUDY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. AS A RESULT, THE ENTIRE STATE WILL BENEFIT BOTH INTELLECTUALLY AND ECONOMICALLY FROM THE INCREASED KNOWLEDGE GENERATED ABOUT WORLD AFFAIRS. THEREFORE, THIS LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT IN ORDER TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR UNDERSTANDING THE EVENTS THAT SHAPE THE WORLD TODAY, A DISTINGUISHED CHAIR BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE REGENTS, IN THE AFRICANA STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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2. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE REGENTS, ONE DISTINGUISHED CHAIR KNOWN AS THE MARCUS GARVEY CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, TO BE LOCATED IN THE AFRICANA STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK. THE REGENTS SHALL DETERMINE, IN CONSULTATION WITH BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AS USED IN THIS SECTION.

3. THE REGENTS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED, WITHIN ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS WHICH SHALL BE MADE THEREFOR, TO CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR, SELECTED IN CONSULTATION WITH BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, TO FILL THE MARCUS GARVEY CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN THE AFRICANA STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION, ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND FOR SUCH DURATION AS MAY BE AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES.

4. THE REGENTS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED, WITHIN ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS WHICH SHALL BE MADE THEREFOR, TO CONTRACT WITH THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND FOR SUCH DURATION AS MAY BE AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES, IN RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF PROPER FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANTS, CLERICAL AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND SUCH OTHER SERVICES AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO ENABLE THE HOLDER OF THE MARCUS GARVEY CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TO CARRY OUT HIS OR HER WORK IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH CHAIR WAS ESTABLISHED AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT WITH THE REGENTS FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.