

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mindy Ross upon the occasion of her retirement after 31 distinguished years as an educator and administrator at SUNY Orange

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in this great State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mindy Ross upon the occasion of her retirement after 31 distinguished years as an educator and administrator at SUNY Orange; and

WHEREAS, Mindy Ross, Chief Administrator and Vice President of the SUNY Orange Newburgh campus, is retiring on July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mindy Ross has served as the Chief Administrator of the SUNY Orange Newburgh campus since January 2006, and was named Vice President in 2008; she is responsible for the overall administration of a growing campus which currently serves more than 1,500 full- and part-time students each semester; and

WHEREAS, From 1982 to January 2006, she was a Professor of English at the College; she was President of the College's shared governance system from 1995 to 2001 and also served ten years as SUNY Orange's representative to the SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges; she was presented with a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mindy Ross holds a bachelor's degree in English from St. Lawrence University and master's degrees in English from Colgate University and in Sociology from SUNY New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, Under Mindy Ross' guidance, the SUNY Orange Newburgh campus has developed a diverse cultural affairs program which brings artists, musicians, lecturers and performers to the campus throughout the academic year; and

WHEREAS, In fitting honor of Mindy Ross' personal and professional commitment to the arts, the campus' former Center Arts Gallery inside Kaplan Hall has been renamed the Mindy Ross Gallery; and

WHEREAS, Mindy Ross has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at SUNY Orange for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, In completing her distinguished service at SUNY Orange, Mindy Ross leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; she leaves behind a legacy to New York State, to SUNY Orange and the residents of the communities it serves, and to the entire SUNY system and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Mindy Ross upon the occasion of her retirement, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mindy Ross.