

BY: Senator STAVISKY

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
October 11, 2017, as Queens College Day in the State
of New York

WHEREAS, New York State and the Borough of Queens are proud to be home to Queens College (QC) of the City University of New York (CUNY), the greatest urban university system in the world; and with QC celebrating its 80th Anniversary during the 2017-2018 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Queens College has always been dedicated to the idea that a first-rate education should be accessible to talented people of all backgrounds and financial means, and prepares its students to become informed and caring citizens of our global society; and

WHEREAS, Queens College enjoys a national reputation for its outstanding liberal arts and sciences and pre-professional programs, honors programs, and research and internship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Queens College's 19,000+ students represent over 170 countries and speak more than 110 languages, creating an extraordinary campus where a wealth of cultures and perspectives come together with respect and a commitment to learning; and

WHEREAS, A recent study by the Equality of Opportunity Project ranked Queens College in the top 1% of all American colleges in moving students from poverty to prosperity; and

WHEREAS, In an assessment of over 27,000 degree-granting institutions worldwide, the Center for World Universal Rankings placed Queens College in the top 3.5% for the quality of its education and faculty and the percentage of its alumni who find employment; and

WHEREAS, The research performed by Queens College's dedicated faculty has generated millions of dollars in support from such organizations as IBM, the National Science Foundation, Google, the American Heart Association, the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense, the Mellon Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Wildlife Conservation Society, and many others; and

WHEREAS, QC has had more graduates serve in the U.S. House of Representatives than any other CUNY college: Joseph Crowley (14th District), Adriano Espaillat (13th District), and Gary Ackerman (5th District, retired); and

WHEREAS, QC's special centers and institutes serve the diverse communities in the borough of Queens by addressing pressing social issues such as cancer, pollution, and racism, and other units celebrating the borough's many ethnic and religious communities; and

WHEREAS, QC also serves the community by offering low-cost/free

services through its Speech-Language-Hearing Center and its Psychological Center, and its English Language Institute is the second oldest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, QC is dedicated to fostering a sense of community and developing channels of communication among veterans, military personnel, and dependent students, and has been designated a 2017 Military Friendly School by Victoria Media, recognized as a "Top School" by Military Advanced Education & Transition in its 2017 MAE & T Guide to Colleges & Universities, and has been included in Military Times Best: Colleges 2018; and

WHEREAS, QC's more than 160,000 alumni have gone on to excel in all areas of society and can be found at the top of almost any field, whether it be medicine, law, business, education, the media, politics, science, or entertainment; and

WHEREAS, QC contributes to the state's talent pool as a powerful economic engine and a leader in tech education, with more computer science majors than any university in New York City and the only Tech Incubator in the borough of Queens; and

WHEREAS, QC has the third-highest number of accounting and business students in all of New York State, and has graduated more teachers, counselors, and principals than any other college in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, QC has more earth and environmental science majors than any other CUNY college, and its faculty in the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences have conducted projects on all eight continents and all five oceans; and

WHEREAS, Queens College was named one of the nation's top 20 best value colleges for students to earn teaching degrees by Best Value Schools' 2018, and its graphic design program was ranked among the top five percent of all public colleges and universities by the Animation Career Review; and

WHEREAS, The Aaron Copland School of Music's renowned faculty and alumni include nationally recognized composers, conductors, and performers who have received more than 60 Grammy Awards and nominations, including a Grammy this year for alumnus Arturo O'Farrill; and

WHEREAS, The college's Evening Readings series has brought to campus over a dozen Nobel laureates; and

WHEREAS, QC introduces students to the best of the arts thanks to the Kupferberg Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, which includes the Louis Armstrong House Museum and the Godwin-Ternbach Museum, the largest comprehensive collection of art and artifacts in the borough; and

WHEREAS, QC's Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library is home to the archives of jazz legend Louis Armstrong as well as to a vast Civil Rights

archives and the papers of such noted New York public servants as Judge Charles Colden, Congressmen Benjamin Rosenthal and Gary Ackerman, and Assembly Speaker Saul Weprin; and

WHEREAS, The college has consistently been praised by the Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report, and Forbes and Money magazines for its outstanding academics, world-class faculty, generous financial aid packages, and affordable tuition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim October 11, 2017, as Queens College Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.