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CONGRATULATING Robert Berne upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to New York University

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Robert Berne upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to New York University; and

WHEREAS, Robert Berne earned his Bachelor of Science degree with distinction, his Master of Business Administration Degree and his Ph.D. from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, For over four decades, Robert Berne has been a key component to the success of New York University; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Robert Berne began his illustrious career with New York University (NYU) as a member of the faculty at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; during this time, he founded and served as the co-Director of NYU's Institute for Education and Social Policy; and

WHEREAS, From 1988-1993, Robert Berne held the position of Associate Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; he was then promoted to the title of Dean, a title he would hold for the next three years; and

WHEREAS, Robert Berne served as the Vice President for Academic Development from 1996-2000; he then advanced to the position of Vice President for Academic and Health Affairs; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2002, Robert Berne was named Senior Vice President for Health; eight years later, he was promoted to Executive Vice President for Health, a position from which he will officially retire in 2017; and

WHEREAS, In this post, Robert Berne has been responsible for working with deans and other University leaders on long-term academic, financial, and operational strategies for the wide range of health activities at NYU; and

WHEREAS, Robert Berne has also developed strategies for the University's health and health-related programs; and

WHEREAS, Robert Berne has also been instrumental in the academic development of NYU's growth in downtown Brooklyn through the opening of a new facility at 370 Jay Street, allowing many of its applied sciences

programs and its arts programs to be housed in one building; and

WHEREAS, A scholar of public education policy and financing, Robert Berne furnished critical expert analysis and testimony in the landmark school finance case, CFE v. The State of New York; he has written numerous books and studies including **The Measurement of Equity in School Finance**, co-authored with Professor Leanna Stiefel of NYU's Wagner School; **Hard Lessons: Public Schools and Privatization** co-authored with Carol Ascher and Norm Fruchter of NYU's Institute for Education and Social Policy; **The Relationships Between Financial Reporting and the Measurement of Financial Condition**, for the Government Accounting Standards Board in 1992; and **The Financial Analysis of Governments**; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Robert Berne has been published in numerous journals, including **The Journal of Policy Analysis and Management**, **Policy Analysis**, **Policy Science**, and **Public Administration Review**, among others; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his superlative work with NYU, Robert Berne served as Executive Director of the New York State Temporary Commission on New York City School Governance, also known as the Marchi Commission from 1989-1991; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, 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 congratulate Robert Berne upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of distinguished service to New York University, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Berne.