

BY: Senator KAPLAN

HONORING Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Leadership Award by the SUNY Old Westbury College Foundation on May 7, 2019

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; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Leadership Award by the SUNY Old Westbury College Foundation to be celebrated with a Dinner on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 Leadership Awards Dinner will honor distinguished area citizens and College alumni who enrich the community in distinctive ways - economically, scientifically, culturally, intellectually and socially - and whose efforts, taken together, are helping to transform the Long Island Region; and

WHEREAS, The result of many individual efforts, the excellence and the success of SUNY Old Westbury is due in large part to the efforts of Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III; and

WHEREAS, As President of SUNY Old Westbury, Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, has worked continuously to create a stimulating atmosphere dedicated to academic excellence and the development of leadership qualities in students; and

WHEREAS, In working to enable SUNY Old Westbury to achieve its fullest potential, Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III has guided the campus as it has grown to record enrollment, added full-time faculty, and expanded the services the College provides to support and aid students; and

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years, the leadership of Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III has had a pervasive impact on such wide-ranging community development initiatives as education, homelessness, senior citizen and youth empowerment, cultural awareness and ecumenical outreach; and

WHEREAS, The Old Westbury community is indeed fortunate and blessed to have such a dedicated and respected educational leader; his wisdom and contributions reach into every classroom, truly making a difference in the lives of those lucky enough to work with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III continually demonstrates an impressive

dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered at SUNY Old Westbury for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Leadership Award by the SUNY Old Westbury College Foundation on May 7, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III.