

BY: Senator AMEDORE

CONGRATULATING Dr. Dustin Swanger upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of dedicated service as President of Fulton-Montgomery Community College

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. Dustin Swanger upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of dedicated service as President of Fulton-Montgomery Community College; he will officially retire from this esteemed position on Wednesday, July 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dustin Swanger has served as President of Fulton-Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, New York, for 13 years, during which time he worked tirelessly to improve campus facilities, establish new community partnerships, develop new supports to retain students, and consolidate academic programming; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his career at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Dr. Dustin Swanger served as Provost and Academic Vice President for Luzerne Community College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was Associate Vice President and Dean for Workforce Development and Technical Education at Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York, and served as Director of Program Development at Rochester Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, With a career in higher education which has spanned 33 years, Dr. Dustin Swanger has worked to bring the higher education institutions and the community closer together through developing programs to serve the local region, providing training for the area workforce, representing the college on numerous community planning committees, and speaking with a number of groups on the importance of college-community relations; and

WHEREAS, Dustin Swanger received his doctorate in higher education from Nova Southeastern University, his master's in public administration from the State University of New York at Brockport, and his bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his partner, Evan, who has shown him love and support and rejoices in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Fulton and Montgomery counties are indeed fortunate and blessed to have had such a dedicated and respected

educational leader; his wisdom and contributions to Fulton-Montgomery Community College have truly made a difference in the lives of those fortunate enough to have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, A significant contributor to education in New York State, Dr. Dustin Swanger has continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unrelenting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In completing his service as President, Dr. Dustin Swanger leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to the students of Fulton-Montgomery Community College and to the residents of Fulton and Montgomery counties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dr. Dustin Swanger upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of dedicated service as President of Fulton-Montgomery Community College; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Dustin Swanger.