Senate Resolution No. 3332

BY: Senator LITTLE

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of true purpose and high achievement whose exemplary programs and accomplishments clearly demonstrate an enduring pursuit of excellence in higher education for the youth of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, to be celebrated at its Centennial Founder's Day on Tuesday, September 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On September 22, 1920, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet founded The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, The College of Saint Rose emphasized the professional training of teachers for which it is renowned, along with a diverse offering of liberal arts majors and programs; in the early years, that emphasis expanded to prepare women for business and other professions; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, men were first admitted as the College opened its evening division for returning World War II veterans and the graduate school three years later; in 1969, The College of Saint Rose became fully coeducational; and

WHEREAS, From those humble beginnings, The College of Saint Rose grew into a progressive, independent college dedicated to providing students from all religious and cultural backgrounds with a rigorous educational experience and the opportunity to cultivate their creative and spiritual gifts; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, its diverse learning community fosters integrity, interdependence, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, The College of Saint Rose continues to embrace the Sisters of St. Joseph's tenet to "love thy dear neighbor" and strives to instill the value of community service and leadership in its students; and

WHEREAS, The success of The College of Saint Rose is in direct correlation to the efforts of its faculty and staff, whose involvement
is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the institution and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the visionary guidance of Interim President Marcia J. White, The College of Saint Rose truly stands proud and prominent, and is an integral part of the City of Albany and the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in a proud and distinguished history, The College of Saint Rose may look back with pride upon its humble beginnings, find just satisfaction in its purposeful growth, and hold true of purpose in its dedication to serving the educational needs of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The College of Saint Rose, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment and the significance of its accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marcia J. White, Interim President, The College of Saint Rose.