

**BY:** Senator THOMAS

**COMMEMORATING** the 125th Anniversary of Adelphi  
University

**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 125th Anniversary of Adelphi University; and

**WHEREAS,** Adelphi traces its roots back to Adelphi Academy (founded in 1863), a private preparatory school located at 412 Adelphi Street, in Brooklyn; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the efforts of Dr. Charles H. Levermore and Timothy Woodruff, the charter for Adelphi College was granted on June 24, 1896, one of the earliest granted to a coeducational college by the Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Charles Levermore became the first President of Adelphi College, and Timothy Woodruff, a former Lieutenant Governor of New York State, served as President of the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS,** Classes began in September of 1896 with 57 students and 16 instructors; in 1928, enrollment surged; 652 students were attending classes in a building designed to accommodate 560 students; and

**WHEREAS,** Looking ahead to the future, President Blodgett and a committee of trustees searched for a new site for the college; the committee selected 68 acres in Garden City, Long Island, and on October 8, 1928, the cornerstone of the first new college building was laid; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1943, under the able direction of Mildred Montag, Adelphi established the first Central Collegiate School of Nursing and the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps in New York State; created in response to the need for nurses after the United States' entry into World War II, the Nursing School extended Adelphi leadership in professional education; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1963, the College marked its 60th Anniversary with a three-day series of lectures and cultural events; at this time, enrollment hit 3,667; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1980, The Adelphi New York Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline and Support Program was established; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2020, The Association of American Colleges and

Universities selected Adelphi as one of only 13 institutions to host a Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Campus Center; and

**WHEREAS,** That same year, Adelphi won the 2020 John L. Blackburn Exemplary Models Award from the American Association of University Administrators for their innovative Prep for Success program; and

**WHEREAS,** During the 2020-2021 academic year, 7,520 students were enrolled at the university; there were also 2,628 degrees awarded; and

**WHEREAS,** Adelphi University was the first private, coeducational university on Long Island, opening the doors at its original Brooklyn location in 1863 as the Adelphi Academy; since 1929, they have called the scenic Garden City campus home; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Adelphi reaches more students than ever before with multiple dynamic learning hubs and convenient online options; it has locations in Garden City, Manhattan, Hauppauge and the Hudson Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** Adelphi University students have gone on to lead successful careers; former Adelphi students have been Olympic gold medalists, Pulitzer Prize winners, U.S. Ambassadors, **New York Times** Bestselling authors, celebrity entertainers, Emmy award-winning writers and more; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Adelphi University; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adelphi University.