Senate Resolution No. 2014

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING Neuberger Museum of Art upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2024 Arts Organization Award by ArtsWestchester

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations of artistic significance whose creative contributions have helped further the cultural enrichment of our communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Neuberger Museum of Art upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2024 Arts Organization Award by ArtsWestchester; and

WHEREAS, The annual Arts Awards have been presented by ArtsWestchester since 1976 to recognize individuals and organizations whose vision, commitment, and leadership have enriched the cultural life of Westchester, its communities, and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Arts Organization Award recognizes a Westchester County non-profit arts organization that has made important contributions to the growth of Westchester's cultural life over a significant period and has had an impact beyond its immediate community; and

WHEREAS, The Neuberger Museum of Art (NEU) was founded in 1969 through the generosity of private art collector, philanthropist, and arts advocate, Roy R. Neuberger, who promised 300 paintings and sculptures as the founding gift for a new museum that would be established to showcase visual arts education on a public college campus; and

WHEREAS, The museum is located on the campus of Purchase College, State University of New York, and opened in 1974, with 2024 marking the 50th Anniversary of the museum; and

WHEREAS, The Neuberger Museum of Art's collection has grown to over 6,500 objects, with the works in the permanent collection belonging to the citizens of the State of New York; proof of dedication to this sentiment is that admission is always free; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, hundreds of dedicated Volunteer Museum Educators have enriched the experiences of visiting guests by leading tours and guiding their discussions of the art and artists on view; and

WHEREAS, Priceless in its impact, thousands of local schoolchildren across Westchester and surrounding counties have been introduced to the visual arts at the NEU; groups from Title 1 schools in Westchester County are also eligible to receive free transportation, admission, and

lunch through the NEUKids Program, ensuring accessibility to the arts for all; and

WHEREAS, Further proving its commitment to visual art accessibility for all, the museum also hosts NEU Vitality Art Workshops which provides art education experiences designed specifically for adults over the ages of 55; and

WHEREAS, The Neuberger Museum's signature biannual award, the Roy R. Neuberger Prize, recognizes the work of exceptional contemporary artists, continuing our founding patron's dedication to supporting artists early in their career; and

WHEREAS, A group of generous community members known as the Friends of the Neuberger Museum of Art has, for more than 52 years, supported the museum and ensured that it continues to grow and evolve; the Friends organization clearly demonstrates the significant impact a group of dedicated community members can have in supporting the museum and the cultural life of Westchester County and the State at large; and

WHEREAS, Purchase College students, faculty, and staff, embrace The Neuberger Museum as part of the campus' rich cultural experience; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts; as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks to our American freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Neuberger Museum of Art upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2024 Arts Organization Award by ArtsWestchester; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Neuberger Museum of Art.