Assembly Resolution No. 2004

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COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs on October 3, 2024

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 the education of 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 Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs on October 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Maxwell School is an interdisciplinary school for public service and the social sciences; its 100th Anniversary theme is "Ever Strive," which is reflective of its ambitions to live up to the portion of the Athenian Oath inscribed on its walls: "We will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us"; and

WHEREAS, The Maxwell School was dedicated on October 3, 1924, and was the first program to offer a graduate professional degree in public administration; that Master of Public Administration program is the oldest continuously operating, university-based MPA in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Part of Syracuse University, a private research university in Syracuse, New York, the Maxwell School is organized in 11 academic departments, 15 affiliated research centers, and offers coursework in the fields of public administration, international relations, foreign policy, political science, science and technology policy, social sciences, and economics through its undergraduate (BA and BS) degrees, graduate Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of Arts (MA), and PhD degrees; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as one of the world's best graduate schools for public affairs, the Maxwell School, formerly known as the Training School for Public Service, was founded by New York City's Bureau of Municipal Research, and was later transferred to Syracuse University in 1924; and

WHEREAS, The school is named for George Holmes Maxwell, a Syracuse alumnus and Boston patent attorney, who in 1924 donated $500,000 to the university to establish a school which would aim "to cull from every source those principles, facts, and elements which, combined, make up our rights and duties and our value and distinctiveness as United States citizens"; Maxwell's initial interest was in training all undergraduates for their roles as informed citizens in the American democracy and

University officials convinced him the school should also provide professional training for future government officials and other public servants; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, the University took its full name and moved into Maxwell Hall, a purpose-built building on the west end of Syracuse University's main campus; in 1994, the Maxwell School expanded and Eggers Hall was designed; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, the Maxwell School and the Center for Strategic and International Studies entered into a collaborative agreement that included headquartering all Maxwell operations at CSIS in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, the Maxwell School has been consistently ranked one of the nation's top schools of public affairs by U.S. News & World Report; in 2022, the school ranked no. 1 in Public Management and Leadership, no. 2 in Nonprofit Management and Public Finance and Budgeting, no. 6 in the Environmental Policy and Management, and has received a myriad of other rankings; and

WHEREAS, The Maxwell School has had many prestigious visitors, including Herbert Hoover, who was there for the dedication of Maxwell Hall, and in 1960, Harry Truman, amid his personal campaign to bolster appreciation for American government by the nation's young; and

WHEREAS, The steadfast and unyielding commitment of parents, educators and administrators to provide the highest quality education for students has become the hallmark and tradition of the Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs stands prepared to reach out, in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, to promote the maximum growth of every student, establishing standards and building skills which will carry its students and the citizens of its community into the future; and

WHEREAS, The Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs is proudly aware of its distinguished past, eager to fulfill its present commitment to parents, students and the community, and planning with vision and purpose for the ebb and swell of growth and change it will encounter in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs on October 3, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.