Senate Resolution No. 2317

BY: Senator WEBB

COMMEMORATING the 80th Anniversary of Binghamton University in 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those institutions of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the citizens 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 80th Anniversary of Binghamton University, named a top-ranked "Public Ivy" school by Forbes, in 2026; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Binghamton University was first established as Triple Cities College to serve the needs of local veterans returning from service in World War II; originally located in Endicott, New York, five miles west of the present campus, the fledgling school was a branch of Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, Four years later, the College was incorporated into the State University of New York (SUNY) and renamed Harpur College in honor of Robert Harpur, a Colonial teacher, patriot, and pioneer who helped settle the area west of Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, the campus moved across the Susquehanna River to Vestal; growing enrollment and a reputation for excellence soon led to the selection of Harpur College as one of four doctorate-granting University Centers in the SUNY system; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, the campus was formally designated the State University of New York at Binghamton, and in 1992, Binghamton University was adopted; since its inception, the University has had five different names, 18 different logos, and two mascots; and

WHEREAS, Binghamton University is dedicated to higher education, one that combines an international reputation for graduate education, research, scholarship, and creative endeavor with the best undergraduate programs available at any public university; the University's staff and students pursue their goals with determination, striving for intellectual and personal growth, especially in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, The vision of Binghamton University is to design a distinctly global educational experience and foster an inclusive campus community that infuses all aspects of college life with an international perspective; the values of the campus are unity, identity, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Binghamton University's official motto is, "From breadth through depth to perspective"; this motto reflects the University's

educational philosophy, emphasizing a progression in learning: Breadth - exposure to a wide range of experiences, disciplines, and viewpoints; Depth - focused study and exploration within chosen areas of interest;

and Perspective - gaining a broader, more nuanced understanding of the world and oneself; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Binghamton University's games have featured several different mascots, including Harpo the Mexican Burro and Baxter the Bearcat; and

WHEREAS, Binghamton University has been recognized with seven national awards for innovation in international education; the University enjoys an ever-increasing national recognition for academic quality, innovative research and scholarship, and educational value; it is ranked by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as an R1 ("very high research") institution, one of only 146 in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The names of the centers of excellence at Binghamton University are: Integrated Electronics Engineering Center (IEEC); Center for Energy-Smart Electronic Systems (ES2); Center for Advanced Microelectronics Manufacturing (CAMM); Center for Autonomous Solar Power (CASP); North East Center for Chemical Energy Storage (NECCES); Center for Heterogeneous Integration Research in Packaging (CHIRP); and Binghamton Biofilm Research Center (BBRC); and

WHEREAS, Binghamton University is committed to collaborative transdisciplinary research, inspirational artistic endeavors, and high-impact educational experiences within an environment that advances the following principles: diversity, equity, and inclusion; international perspectives; and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Students from more than 100 countries choose the University because it is one of few American universities that emphasize meaningful cultural and intellectual exchange; its educational outreach and service initiatives continue to support local communities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 80-year history, 160,000 students have graduated from Binghamton University; the University is a world-class institution which offers students a broad, interdisciplinary education with an international perspective and one of the most vibrant research programs in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, As an impactful way of honoring the legacy of Binghamton University and all that is to come, a grand celebration of its 80th Anniversary of educational excellence will take place in October 2026, including Homecoming Weekend at the beginning of the month; thousands of alumni are invited to reconnect; and

WHEREAS, Binghamton University has remained steadfast in its mission to work continuously and in partnership with the community to ensure that all students develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, abilities, and character needed to live useful, productive, and rewarding lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Binghamton University, noting the propriety of its goals, the constancy of its commitment, and the significance of its accomplishments in preparing the students of today and leaders of tomorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Binghamton University.