

Senate Resolution No. 816

BY: Senator HOYLMAN-SIGAL

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of John Jay
College of Criminal Justice

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those institutions of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the citizens of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of John Jay College of Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, part of the City University of New York (CUNY) system, is a proud higher-education institution in New York City which was named after the first Chief Justice of our State and Nation and second Governor of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Committed to diversity and serving individuals of minority, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander descent, John Jay College of Criminal Justice has evolved into a premier liberal arts, justice-focused college since it was established in 1965; and

WHEREAS, For six decades, John Jay College faculty, administrators, and staff have fueled student success and propelled social mobility through academic excellence, transformative programs, and hands-on and faculty-mentored research and community service initiatives; the successful institution is recognized as the number one college in our nation for criminal justice, forensic science, and legal studies programs; and

WHEREAS, Today, John Jay College of Criminal Justice remains committed to preparing students to be fierce advocates for justice and lifelong leadership; its retention and degree-completion programs support academic attainment and career development which ensure success at John Jay and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Initiatives, including the Honors Program, Program for Research Initiatives in Science & Math (PRISM), Accelerate, Complete, and Engage (ACE), and the McNair Achievement Program, provide mentorship, financial assistance, and curated advising, among other experiences, to enhance the academic abilities of students, help them achieve their undergraduate degrees, and pursue lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Internship and fellowship opportunities connect students with leading professionals, while career services prepare them for life beyond graduation; these programs create a strong foundation and forge pathways to fulfilling graduate study and professional careers; and

WHEREAS, John Jay College of Criminal Justice is an engine for academic momentum and professional success for entering high school graduates, as well as transfer students, with approximately 13,000 students; and

WHEREAS, John Jay College, continually named a "Best for Vets" college, is also the proud home to approximately 650 student-veterans, Reservists, National Guard, active duty, and VA-benefit family members which is more than any other CUNY campus and most colleges in the Northeast; with the support of the John Jay College Foundation Board of Trustees and its partners, an array of programs to help United States service members reintegrate into civilian life and contribute to the City and State is provided; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the expanding research activity at John Jay College, earning more than \$31 million in research funding, the College was formally designated as a Research College and University by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a new classification that demonstrates the College's impactful scholarship in criminal justice, public policy, forensic science, human rights, and social justice; and

WHEREAS, After the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, John Jay College of Criminal Justice established programs, research centers, scholarships, and a special memorial to honor the 67 students, faculty, and alumni who lost their lives on that tragic day; the College continues to pay tribute to the legacy of those victims and alumni who succumb to 9/11-related illnesses through ceremonies and community service projects; and

WHEREAS, This 60th Anniversary is a reflection of John Jay College's significant legacy of contributions to our State and Nation and an acknowledgement of its work to advance students' success and foster generations of justice leaders; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when institutions of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of John Jay College of Criminal Justice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Jay College of Criminal Justice.