Senate Resolution No. 975

BY: Senator WEBB

HONORING President Harvey Stenger upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service to Binghamton University

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature 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 honor President Harvey Stenger upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service to Binghamton University; and

WHEREAS, Before his appointment as president, Harvey Stenger had a long and illustrious career in higher education; he earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University and a doctorate in the same field from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Stenger continued to serve the academic industry as a professor at Lehigh University, where he served as a dean for six years, as a co-chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering and as director of the Environmental Studies Center; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Stenger later brought his talents to the University at Buffalo where he held the position of interim provost, and where he also served as dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Harvey Stenger took on the role of president at Binghamton University, and for the past 13 years, he has rendered faithful, conscientious, and invaluable service; and

WHEREAS, During Harvey Stenger's distinguished tenure, overall student enrollment increased from 14,746 to 18,850, an increase of 28%; graduate enrollment increased 44%, from 2,885 to 4,140; the number of full-time faculty is up 53% to 921; professional and classified staff have grown by 28% to 2,865; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as president, Harvey Stenger served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Since taking on the position of Binghamton University's president, Harvey Stenger has expanded the university's role in research, and money spent on research has increased by 70%; and

WHEREAS, Binghamton University also credits Harvey Stenger with the New Energy New York Project which can potentially reach $270 million in federal and state funding; the project pushes to create a lab-to-market battery economy in Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Harvey Stenger was governed by a keen sense of duty, always showed a unique grasp of human problems, and continually demonstrated his commitment to diversity and inclusion to the Binghamton University campus and the larger community; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Binghamton University, Harvey Stenger earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor President Harvey Stenger upon the occasion of his retirement after 13 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harvey Stenger.